

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS

April 16, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

We Gather

Prelude "Grand Chorus" C. Cappelen
Enter with Acolytes The Stark Family
Choral Call to Worship "Surely, The Presence of the Lord"
Welcome Rev. Cheryl Murray

We Praise

* Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH 304

* Words of Worship Psalm 16

Leader: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

People: Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."

Leader: Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshipping the idols all around us.

People: God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.

Leader: We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

People: We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways.

Leader: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

People: Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.

Leader: God shows us the path of life,

People: And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.

Leader: And so, we say to God,

People: "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."

Amen

* Hymn "He Is Lord" (Sing twice) UMH 177

We Proclaim

Children's Time Amy Stark
Mission Moment-UMCOR Judy Rudoff
Anthem "Hosanna to the King" C. Courtney

Guest Instrumentalists, Chase Webster & Chase Gossett

[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31
Message Pastor Cheryl

We Respond

Confession and Assurance
Choral Call to Prayer "Listen to Our Children"
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer
Offertory "Arietta" N. Dello Joio
* Doxology UMH 95
* Hymn of Invitation "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH 462

We Go Forth

* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl
* Opportunities to Serve
* Choral Benediction "Now Go and Live"
Postlude "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" H. Willan
*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director
John Burkett, Organist
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech



Altar flowers given by Mark and Frances Sartwell in honor of our Church Family.

Prayer List

- Tornado victims and their families
- Family of Scott Prather
- Diana Richards
- Amanda, named by Jan Helton
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother (advanced Parkinson's)
- Emma Dean, 3rd grader fighting a severe staph infection, named by Chance Webster
- Sam Elwell
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Corteaal
- Judy Corteaal

Our Mission of the Month for the remainder of April is UMCOR. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "UMCOR" in the memo line) will benefit this mission.

You can also give online. Get started today by visiting the church website at www.fumccommerce.org or by scanning the QR code below and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.



Thank you to Mike Roberts and his crew for removing the "problem shrubs" from around the church. We appreciate our volunteers so very much!



Upcoming Activities

- April 17-Finance meets at 6pm
- April 18-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- April 19- Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- April 19-Grow team at 6pm
- April 19-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- April 19-Newsletter article deadline
- April 20-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
- April 22-Earth Day

Ministers
Pastor
Office & Communications Director
Financial Secretary
Children's Director
Youth Director
Little Ark Director
Choir Director
Organist
Custodians

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Cheryl Murray
Sharon Duncan
Mariann Andrews
Amy Stark
Ashlyn Woods
Jennifer Knight
Gene Lockhart
Dr. John Burkett
Sandra & Fernando Medrano



Second Sunday of Easter



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**April 16, 2023
10:00am Sanctuary**