

**BIRMINGHAM FIRST**  
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*...gathered here for good.™*

PRELUDE

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Phillip Moore

\*HYMN #304

*Easter People Raise Your Voices*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: The doors we lock cannot keep him out. The doubts we carry cannot dim his light.

**People: He stands among us still: alive, present, and real. His first word to us is peace.**

Leader: Peace that opens what fear has shut. Peace that breathes new life into tired hearts.

**People: Peace that gives us purpose and joy. Let us worship the risen Christ!**

\*RESPONSE #162

*Alleluia, Alleluia* -- Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Henderson Settlement

Rev. John Newman

ANTHEM (9:30)

*Song of Hope*  
Covenant Choir

Robert A. Hobby

Dios de la Esperanza, danos gozo y paz!

Al mundo en crisis, halba tu Verdad.

Dios de la justicia, mandanos tu luz,

Luz y Esperanza en la oscuridad.

Oremos por la paz, canta mos de tu amor,

Luche mor por la paz, fieles a Ti, Señor.

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,

Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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*Coronation*  
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Crown Him, the King of Kings,  
The Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.

Crown Him, the one who died  
And rose again to live forevermore.

Crown Him, the Bread of Life,  
High and holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star,  
He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell.  
He is the ruler of the kings of earth.  
Crown Him, behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds,  
Every eye shall see Him who they have pierced.  
See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.

He is the Living One.  
He who is and was and who is to come.

He has loved us unto death.  
He has freed us by His blood.

He is the mighty son of God.

Crown him, behold your King.

Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings,

Crown Him!

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #303**

*The Day of Resurrection*

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:19-31

**MESSAGE**

*That You May Believe*

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

**\*HYMN #310**

*He Lives*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata for Easter*

Gilbert Martin



*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of my son, Mason Cormie, on the day after the 10th anniversary  
of his passing, by Dorothy Duensing and Family.*

*The Mission Candle is lit to the glory of God by Dick and Carole Dills  
and Family in loving memory of Carole's mother, Demis Dwight.*



## FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### **Blood Pressure Checks in Fellowship Hall**

Your health matters! First Nurses will be available in Fellowship Hall to check blood pressure between services today. Track and compare your monthly results to be sure you're staying on top of your health! This free and friendly service is open to all – no appointment needed!

### **Fair Trade Equal Exchange in Fellowship Hall**

Time to replenish your supply of chocolate, tea, and coffee after the Easter holiday celebrations. Join us on April 12 from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Every purchase promotes social and environmental justice by supporting Fair Trade and organic farming around the world. Your purchase helps create a better world—one cup (or chocolate bar) at a time!

### **Henderson Settlement Informational Meeting**

Interested in joining the Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement this summer? Come learn more at an informational meeting on Sunday, April 19 at 12:00 p.m. in the Ritter Room (Room 217). The trip will take place July 12–18, 2026. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this meaningful opportunity to serve.

### **Discover First — Find Your Church Home**

Are you looking for a church home where you can grow in your faith and feel connected? Discover First is a one-session gathering on Sunday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Thomas Parlor, offering an introduction to Birmingham & Berkley First and the United Methodist Church. This relaxed, welcoming class is a chance to ask questions and learn more about our community. At the end of the session, those who wish may choose to become members. To RSVP, please contact Mary Feldmaier at [mfeldmaier@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:mfeldmaier@fumcbirmingham.org).

### **April Showers Collection for NOAH**

Throughout the month of April, we invite you to support our neighbors in need by donating t-shirts, socks, and underwear for NOAH in partnership with The WAVE Project. The WAVE Project's mobile shower unit provides a safe, clean, and private space for individuals experiencing homelessness, along with hygiene supplies, fresh clothing, and connection to community services. We are seeking new men's socks (white, black, or gray only), as well as men's and women's underwear (sizes M– 3XL) and t-shirts (sizes M– 3XL). Please prioritize quality over quantity when donating. Items may be dropped off in the Christian Life Center or the bin near the Welcome Desk

### **Spring Cleaning for Samaritas New Americans**

It's the season for Easter lilies, April showers, and spring cleaning! Help our refugee neighbors in Southeast Michigan by donating new, unopened household cleaning supplies. Drop items at the Welcome Desk. Most needed: paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, sponges, all-purpose cleaner, mops, brooms, and trash bags. Thank you!

### **Get Crafty for VBS**

Come get creative as we prepare for Vacation Bible School! This June, we'll transform the church into a vibrant rainforest—and we need your help to bring it to life. Bring a friend or family member and join us in the Children's Center for a Craft Night on one of the following Tuesdays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. on April 14 or April 21.

### **Sunday Night Dinner is Back!**

You're invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a time to connect and share a meal. Tonight's menu includes English muffin pizzas, green salad and dessert. Come hungry and bring a friend!

### **Spring Rummage Sale**

**DONATE:** We gratefully welcome your donations curbside (please note there will be no truck pickup) on Sunday, April 26 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Monday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For a list of items we are not able to take, go to [www.gatheredhereforgood.org/rummage](http://www.gatheredhereforgood.org/rummage). Volunteers are needed April 26 through May 1, and we would love your help.

**VOLUNTEER:** To volunteer for fun & fellowship, please contact Jane Carvell at [jcarve55@icloud.com](mailto:jcarve55@icloud.com) or 248-379-2662 or sign up at the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

**SHOP:** Then plan to shop the Spring Sale: Wednesday, April 29 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. at regular prices; and Thursday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at regular prices, followed by 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Bag Night and 50% off.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Stop by the Lost and Found table in Fellowship Hall this morning to see if any of these items belong to you. Any remaining items will be donated to the Spring Rummage Sale.

### **Did You Know?**

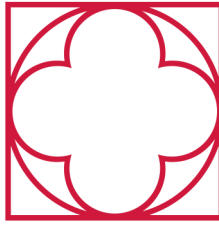
There are two types of trusts that can benefit the church—either upon the death of the grantor or when funded during their lifetime. These trusts may also provide income to the donor and/or their heirs, along with potential immediate tax benefits. For more information, please contact Karen Murphy at [kmurphy@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:kmurphy@fumcbirmingham.org) or 248-646-6407 X 3155.

### **Celebrate the Heart of Baldwin**

The Baldwin Center, one of our 22 mission partners, invites you to be a difference maker by attending the Baldwin Center Gala on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Grande Banquet Facility in Pontiac. This special evening supports vital services including hot meals, coats, showers, after-school programs and more for our neighbors in need. Guests will enjoy a strolling supper, entertainment, silent auction, awards, and meaningful opportunities to give. For tickets please go to [www.baldwincenter.org](http://www.baldwincenter.org).

### **Merry Mates**

It may be April, but there's no fooling about our upcoming visit from Senior Pastor Charles. Join us on Friday, April 17, in Fellowship Hall for an evening of friendship, inspiration, and a delicious dinner catered by Brown Iron Brewhouse. Dr. Boayue will present "Envision Liberia: Transforming Vision into Reality," sharing exciting updates and photos of the progress being made at the School of Excellence in Liberia. We will gather at 5:30 p.m., enjoy dinner at 6:00 p.m., and begin the program at 6:45 p.m. All are warmly welcome—singles, couples, guests, and newcomers alike. Please RSVP by this evening to the Rillemas at [crillema@gmail.com](mailto:crillema@gmail.com) or 248.851.6438. The cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door.



**Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr.**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Sarah B. Alexander**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish**,

Pastor Emeritus, Interim Associate Pastor

**Casey Proch**, Executive Director

Worship, Music & Operations

**Doris Hall**, Organist

**Rev. Gary Haller, Bishop Laurie Haller,**

**& Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter**,

Pastors Emeriti

**BULLETIN COVER**

In the small predella medallion at the bottom right of this stained-glass window is a depiction of the post-resurrection appearance of the Savior to his disciple, Thomas.  
(located in the East Transept window)

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