

Welcome to a Celebration of God's love.  
We hope you enjoy and experience the presence of God in the  
worship service.

### *We Gather as the Church*

#### Prelude

#### Greetings

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

#### Easter Salutation

#### Choir

*We Celebrate God's Presence*

#### Easter Hymn

He Lives #310

Pastoral Prayer

#### Meet and Greet

### The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

L: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin  
and death. Christ is our Light!

**P: Christ is our Light! Alleluia!**

### Call to Worship

Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

It's true. Christ Jesus lives! He is risen from the dead!

**The greatest foe has been overcome. Christ is risen!**

The journey through the darkness is over.

**This brilliant light of this morning floods our hearts and spirits.**

Jesus lives!

**Jesus lives forever!**

### Order of Worship Continued

#### Holy Baptism

Regan Garner  
Wilson Garner

#### Easter Children's Time

#### Offertory \*Doxology

### *We Celebrate Through God's Word*

#### Anthem

*Christ is Risen*

#### Scripture Lesson

**John 20:11-18**

Easter Message  
New Revelation

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our faith stands at the grave,

Grieving for a stone that's rolled away,

**forgive us.**

When our faith is short of understanding

though the truth is there to see,

**forgive us.**

When our faith, beset by doubt,

sees no further than an empty tomb today,

**forgive us.**

Bring to mind the cry of Mary,

“I have seen the Lord!”

**and grant us faith to believe!**

#### SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

### Order of Worship Continued

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet  
sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus  
Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are  
forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

The Lords Prayer

Prayer After Communion

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### *We Celebrate Through Our Response*

#### Closing Hymn

**Victory In Jesus #370**

*Benediction and Sending Forth*

#### Postlude

### **Prayer Requests**

Dan Wiser

Raelynn Moscuza

Kay Carnes

Jane McNeely

Edward Fleury

Frances Baza

Anne Marie Barbrey

Family of Tom Winstead

Family of Jane Laggner

Roma Walker & Family

Jamie Johnson (Susan and David Johnson's grandson)

Mason (12 yr old friend of Beverly Pike's family)

If you have never filled out a connection card or have updated  
information to share with us, please fill out the reverse side of this  
sheet.

After filling out this sheet, please tear it off and either place it in the  
offering plate or hand it to one of our hosts.

March 31st, 2024

### Welcome Friends

Good morning and welcome to Waxhaw United Methodist Church. We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If you are a guest with us today, we hope you feel relaxed and at home. From childcare to restrooms, please do not hesitate to ask a host for anything you need.

We are glad you are here and it is our hope that you experience the presence of Christ and community through worship today.

If you have never filled out the connection information below, we would appreciate knowing more about you and your household. It gives us a chance to get better acquainted and let you know more about Waxhaw UMC.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like to receive our weekly e-news.

### We want to hear from you

Each week, this tear-off section is here to make it easy for you to communicate with us. As we learn to be a Christ Community doing life together, you are invited to share how we can serve one another. Feel free to drop this sheet in the offering plates as they are passed.

Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

### I'd like more information about:

Becoming part of the music ministry  Helping with the youth group

helping with children's ministry  Helping w/ Fixing It For Christ

helping with special events or projects

**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

**Waxhaw UMC**  
*Check Out What's Happening!*

**April 2** **Lunch Bunch**  
Join us for great conversations and delicious food! 11:30AM \$5 a plate Spaghetti will be the main meal!

**April 4** **Prayer with Pastor**  
There will be NO Prayer with Pastor due to Pastor Norma being out of town.

**April 7** **Conversation & Coffee**  
C&C will continue so come join Verna & Mark. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45AM

**April 7** **Youth Group**  
Youth Group will be meeting

**April 16** **A Night of Painting!**  
Enjoy a night of painting at Renea's studio here in town! Please see Susan D. Johnson if you're interested-space is limited!

**April** **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
Pastor Norma will be out of town April 2nd- April 9th. Please welcome Pastor Hugo as our guest! We thank him for helping.

To rsvp for any event or to ask questions [www.waxhawumc.com](http://www.waxhawumc.com)  
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