

**Welcome to Mt. Hebron**

To see what is happening at Mt. Hebron UMC, check out our website at [www.mthebronumc.com](http://www.mthebronumc.com).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will begin again on April 8 at 9:30 in the Cornerstone room. The new series, led by Susan Cline, is entitled "Kingdom Woman". Study guides are \$8.00. Contact Susan at 803-917-2014 if interested.

**Adult Fellowship Trip to State Farmers Market** – Join us as we view the beauty of God’s creations at the Annual Flower Show at the State Farmers’ Market. We will leave the church at 9:30 AM on April 10. After everyone has looked and bought, we will enjoy lunch at Ocean View Restaurant. Signup sheet is in the Gathering Area.

**225 Commemorative T-shirts & 4th Sunday Celebrations** - We’ll be celebrating different areas of the church during Sunday worship services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Short sleeved t-shirts are \$20/long sleeved t-shirts are \$25 and can be ordered online or purchased from the church office.

**GoForth News** – At this time, GoForth does not need any men’s clothing.

**The Henderson Settlement Spring Drive is underway!** Check out the Mt. Hebron UMC website for the full list of items needed. Collection Drop-off boxes are located in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.

**Altar Flower Calendar** – Sundays are available on the altar flower calendar located in the hall behind the sanctuary. Please sign up on the day you would like to put flowers in the church and leave a phone number. Any questions, please contact Betty Wise (803-360-0784).

Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our risen Lord and Savior by Paula McDonald.*

**Ministers:** Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan; **Director of Music:** Dr. Becky Loar; **Organist:** Dr. Louis Playford; **Ushers:** Ed Harmon & Nicholas O’Connor; **Lay Reader:** Steven Burritt; **Altar Guild:** Pam Gowan & Nancy Hawkins; **Greeters:** Lois Pugh & Ellen Smith; **Crucifer:** Doris Layton; **Communion Servers:** Steven, Edie, & Sarah Jane Burritt; **Acolyte:** Lili McBride

Thank you to Eva Lynn Hill and helpers who Redressed the Altar.

To Give Online



<p>Sunday School Attendance 3/29/2026          Children &amp; Youth – 24, Adult – 80          Worship Attendance: 3/29/2026 - 286          New Life Service 8:45 AM – Online 15, In-Person 125          Traditional Service 11:15 AM – Online 20, In-Person 126          West Metro Evening Service – Online 17, In-Person 99</p>	
<p>Year-to-Date: 3/22/2026          Contributions: \$159,750.53          Expenses: \$161,716.35          Surplus/&lt;Deficit&gt;: (\$1,965.82)</p>	<p>Heritage Building Fund:          Building Fund Balance to Date:          \$1,953,457.50          Current Loan Balance:          \$1,648,109.10</p>

**DID YOU KNOW?** In 1885, a women’s group was formed at Mt. Hebron to raise money to support missionaries and their work. Today, the group is known as United Women in Faith. A group for men was organized in 1964, and in 1972, it became known as United Methodist Men.



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**Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026 • 11:15am**

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*April 5, 2026 ~ 11:15 AM*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Redressing the Altar *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* Handel

\* Chiming of the Hour

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**People: The Lord is risen, indeed!**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our power;

**People: The Lord has become our salvation!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Alleluia!**

\* Processional Hymn, UMH #302 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed) UMH #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Anthem *Worthy is the Lamb* from *the Messiah* by G. F. Handel

\* Psalter, UMH #839 (R2) Psalm 118:14-29

Pastoral Prayer

*Children Invited to Go to Wee Worship*

Offertory *The Holy City* arranged by Camp Kirkland  
Dr. Becky Loar, soprano

\* Doxology UMH #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!*

\* Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 NRSV

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Homily *Stoop and Hear* Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

**Risen Lord, On this joyful morning of Easter Sunday, we come with songs of alleluia on our lips – and yet we confess that our lives do not always reflect the resurrection we proclaim. We confess that too often we live as though the tomb is still sealed. We hold on to fear instead of embracing your promise. We cling to despair instead of trusting your hope. We return to old habits, old wounds, old ways of thinking, forgetting that in Christ, all things are being made new. We confess that we have not always been resurrection people. We have passed by opportunities to share your love. We have remained silent when we could have spoken peace. We have chosen comfort over courage, and familiarity over transformation. Forgive us, O God. Roll away the stones that still block our hearts. Call us again by name, as you did in the garden. Lift us out of all that binds us, and set us free to live as people of the resurrection. By your grace, renew us. By your mercy, restore us. By your Spirit, lead us into new life – so that we may be witnesses to your love, bearers of your hope, and reflections of your risen glory. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

**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.**

\* Giving the Bread and Cup (notify an usher if you are unable to walk and the elements will be brought to you)

\* Hymn, UMH #303 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

\* Benediction

\* Postlude *Hallelujah* Handel

\* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*