# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Outdoor Worship**

Easter isn't just one day! We hear, tell out, and live the great resurrection stories of Jesus. In doing so, we too rise up, and find new and abundant life. Join the church for outdoor worship on the front lawn on April 7 at 11 a.m.

# **Wellspring Small Groups**

Wellspring Wednesdays may have come to a temporary end, but monthly fellowship continues.

Brew Theology | Second Tuesday Each Month —contact epalmer@ssumc.org for more info

Women's Group | Third Tuesday Each Month —contact lisanich@gmail.com for more info

Men's Group | Second Thursday Each Month —contact ken.nicholas@gmail.com for more info

#### **Annual Talent Show**

Calling all performers! Our Annual SSUMC Talent Show will be Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to be an act by emailing Lisa Nicholas at lisanich@gmail.com.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

"Just Like Me" VBS is happening July 15-19, 9 a.m. - noon, with aftercare available. Register online today at ssumc.org/children.

# **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Kate Floyd

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau

Deacon

Candace Johnson, M.Div. Dir. of Family Ministries

Don Jones Dir. of Music Ministries

Emma Palmer Dir. of Community Connection

Virginia McCahan Liturgist

SSUMC Choir

## **GUESTS**:

We are glad to have you worshiping with us! We invite you to connect with us by filling out a Connect Card in the back of the pew with any informtion you would like to share. You may drop it in the offering basket or hand it to a Staff/ Connect Team member for a special visitor gift. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to getting to know you better!

# Ways To Give:

- Offering Plates: Make a check out to the church or prepare your cash offering.
- Online: Give securely at ssumc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code.
- Text to Give: Text ssumcgive to 73256.

# Special Offering: Rise Against Hunger

On Saturday, April 13, we will once again be hosting a meal-packing event in the Fellowship Hall for Rise Against Hunger, packing thousands of meals to feed people all around the world. We make a volunteer and financial commitment to host this event. This year, we are collecting a special offering to go towards providing the food we will pack. Thank you for your generosity this season to help feed those who are hungry. Register to join us and donate at ssumc.org/serve.

# **Mailing Address**

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# Alleluia! Christ is Risen! March 31, 2024

Welcome to Easter worship! We hear, tell out, and live the great resurrection stories of Jesus. In doing so, we too rise up, and find new and abundant life.

At Sandy Springs UMC, we are a wellspring of love hospitality. We seek to live out the Easter story by building life-changing relationships, nurturing spiritual growth, and fostering service through impactful partnerships.



Visit us online at ssumc.org phone: 404.255.1181 • fax: 404.255.0283

## **GATHERING**

He is Risen Indeed! The flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving for Tommy's birthday on March 30 by the Dopson family.

A rose in the narthex is given in memory of Ashley McClure Miller

**PRELUDE** 

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

"Christ Is Arisen!" —Words and Music by Daniel Mattis

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This day dawns brightly.

Hope is alive!

The light shines in the darkness.

Love wins!

Fear and death and destruction are no more.

Life and light and resurrection are ours!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" —United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #302 verses 1-4

WEICOMING NEW MEMBER: CASSIE BROWN

Members of the household of God, I commend this person to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be alorified through Jesus Christ.

# **LISTENING**

#### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

We invite children ages 4-10 to meet Ms Candace and our volunteer in the narthex before going to room 211 for Children's Church. Caregivers can pick up children in room 211 after worship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna" — UMH #307

\*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

"Alleluia" (sung by choir)

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

This is the Word of God for the People of God: Thanks be to God!

"Alleluia" (sung by choir)

## **SERMON**

## RESPONDING

#### \*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.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ways to give are listed on the back of this worship guide. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

"Risen Indeed"

#### \*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful" –UMH #89

# **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

# \*BENEDICTION

Rejoice, people of God! Christ is risen from the dead! Go in peace to love and serve God. Christ is with you always, even to the end of the age! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE**