## April 1, 2024

## Pastor's Message

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Chapel Hill UMC
Staff

Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

Kate Whitaker Hendrick Minister of Families

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Jim Hanigan Building Manager CHUMC family,

"Where, O Death, is your victory. Where, O Death, is your sting?" 1 Cor. 15:55

Christ Is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yesterday, we encountered the account of the empty tomb in John 20. We reflected on how, when hardship or the unexpected arise, we often expect the worst. Your doctor orders further tests. You lose a job. A relationship breaks. Systemic injustice on the rise. Our minds carry towards the worst possible outcome and we feel helpless and alone.

Yet the risen Christ is there with us, having stripped death of its power. Christ assures us the only reason that the tomb is empty is because he stands outside the tomb by your side. And the Christ who overcame death will empower you over the feelings of helplessness and loneliness and place in your view hopeful potentialities. Things may not return to exactly as they were, but the one whose power is great enough to overcome death, will give you a resurrection story.

You may be like Job: beat down and defeated. Ready to give up and die. But the one who assures you of life in the end, will help you find peace and new life today.

Let's turn our eyes upon the risen Jesus and look full in his wonderful face. For there is hope.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



## **Prayer List**

**CHUMC Homebound** The Gee Family Tom Sanders Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Judy Bull Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw) Charles Cancellare Aaron Brooks Jim Cranford and Family Matthew Shivar Habib Khoury Janis Coggshall

Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) Gary Fuls Mark Loper Joanne Marchant Claudia Marchant Wesley Freeman Terri Moore Rev. J.D.'s Brother-in-I aw Mass shooting victims West Texas Wildfire Victims California Flood **Victims** Peace, healing, &

restoration in war

torn areas

#### **Announcements**

**Our Communion Offering** on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will support Native American Ministries.

**Church Council Meeting**, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

**Chili Cook Off**, Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. Tickets are \$5 per adult – Children are free!

RoughRider Baseball Game - May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm. The tickets are \$27.00 each (which includes a \$10 food/drink credit). Please give your money to Tom Wooldridge and if you pay by check, please make the check out to CHUMC.



# Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are Monday through Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1st.

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

## Join Us for Online Worship!

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Craig	Davis	2-Apr	Linda	Pace	18-Apr
Dave	Horton	3-Apr	Sarah	Womble	23-Apr
Corky	Rawdon	3-Apr	Larry	Rains	27-Apr
Jill	Cox	13-Apr	Fred	Maxwell	29-Apr