

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Sunday, May 5: Serve, Lunch, and Learn

Our next SERVE Sunday will be on May 5 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Activities will include assembling goodie bags for ministry partners, bagging Backpack Buddy bags, and gardening. A pizza lunch and learn will follow.

As the church continues to revision and redevelop, we are kicking off a series of learnings from other churches. This will include conversations at SSUMC as well as field trips. The first session will be Revs. Anjie and Andi Woodworth as they share the story of a new United Methodist Congregation that resulted as a merger of two UMC churches. They will share about vision casting, best practices for radical hospitality, and worshipping in a temporary space. There will be time for Q and A. All welcome!

### Wellspring Small Groups

Brew Theology | May 14 | 7 p.m.  
-contact epalmer@ssumc.org for more info

Women's Group | April 16  
-contact lisanich@gmail.com for more info

Men's Group | May 9 | 6:30 p.m.  
El Azteca, 5925 Roswell Rd  
-contact ken.nicholas@gmail.com for more info

### Fresh Expressions Training

How do we "church" for people not in church? We create a "Fresh Expression" of church outside the walls of the church campus in places where our neighbors are already gathering. Join us on Sunday, June 9 from 12:30-3 p.m. for a Fresh Expressions Training with Rev. Heather Jallad (FX specialist for the NGUMC). Lunch is provided.

### Vacation Bible School

"Just Like Me" VBS is happening July 15-19, 9 a.m. - noon, with aftercare available. Throughout VBS, campers will meet neighborhood gardeners who will help them explore Biblical stories of people who were able to change things for the better. Register online today at [ssumc.org/children](http://ssumc.org/children).

## GUESTS:

### We are glad to have you worshipping with us!

We invite you to connect with us by filling out a Connect Card in the back of the pew with any information 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](http://ssumc.org/give), or by scanning the QR code.
- Text to Give: Text [ssumc.org/give](http://ssumc.org/give) to 73256.



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Floyd	Senior Pastor
Candace Johnson, M.Div.	Dir. of Family Ministries
Don Jones	Dir. of Music Ministries
Emma Palmer	Dir. of Community Connection
Chuck Thomason	Liturgist
Lisa Pham	
SSUMC Choir	
Stone Mountain Strings	Carla Boardman (Violin 1)
	Ray Kuutti (Violin 2)
	Eric Gray (Viola)
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## Music Sunday April 28, 2024

Easter isn't just one day—we celebrate Easter for fifty days! 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.



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## GATHERING

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Kathy Wright, in honor and appreciation for the many friends I have made over the last 16 years.*

### PRELUDE

*"Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2" –Johannes Brahms*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

*"Alleluia, Alleluia" –Donald Fishel*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift praises to the name of our God;  
Bless God's name forever!

**How great is our God!**

From generation to generation we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

**Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

God, you are just and

compassionate in all your doings.

**Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

**How great is our God! How great is our God!**

**Bless God's name forever!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*"He Lives" –United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #310*

## LISTENING

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*We invite children ages 4-10 to meet volunteers in the narthex before going to room 211 for Children's Church. Please, check your child in through Kidcheck each week. This helps us know about any food allergies and have your contact information in case of emergencies. Our system prints a nametag for each child and a tag for you to pick up your child in 211 after worship. You can sign up for a free Kidcheck account online at [kidcheck.com/signup](http://kidcheck.com/signup) or at the computer in the lobby!*

### 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

*"How Great Thou Art" –UMH #77*

### SCRIPTURE & SONG

*John Wesley's Rules for Singing*

### **Psalm 98 – UMH #818**

*"Shout to the Lord!"*

### **Exodus 15:1-2, 20-21**

*Hymn Medley*

### **Psalm 150 – UMH #862**

*"Brandenburg Concerto No. 3: Presto (3rd movement)" –J.S. Bach*

### **Ephesians 5:1-2, 18b-20**

### **Psalm 95 – UMH #814**

*"Concerto Grosso No. 8: Pastorale"  
–Arcangelo Corelli*

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

## RESPONDING

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

*(Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada, UMH #883)*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*"Be Still My Soul"*

### \*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.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Lord of the Dance" –UMH #261*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" –J.S. Bach*