

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

*Prelude*

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

*Welcome and Announcements*  
*Chiming the Trinity*

Rev. Adam Benson

*Call to Worship—Psalm 100 (the Message)*

<sup>1-2</sup> Leader: On your feet now—applaud God!

**People: Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing yourselves into his presence.**

<sup>3</sup> Know this: God is God, and God, God.

**He made us; we didn't make him.  
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

**Make yourselves at home, talking praise.  
Thank him. Worship him.**

<sup>5</sup> For God is sheer beauty,

**all-generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.**

† *Opening Hymn* "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" **UMH 312**  
*After the opening hymn, the young disciples may return to their seat or proceed with volunteers to the nursery.*

*Glory Moments*

*If you have a glory moment you would like to share, please raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you.*

† *Hymn* "Thine be the Glory" **UMH 308**

*Prayer for Illumination*

Lord of glory, You came into our world as a human, lived and ministered among us, died, rose from the dead, and were lifted into glory. Lift us up with You, but not before bearing fruit where You have planted us. Send your Word to abide in us, so that we may abide in Your love. Amen.

*First Gospel Reading* Luke 24:44-53 Autumn Boyer

*Second Gospel Reading* John 17:1-20

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

*Prayer of Confession*

Lord of Life, You announced to your disciples on the day you were lifted up into glory, "it is written, the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name" (*Luke 24:46-47*). Lord, we give You thanks and claim the forgiveness you proclaimed, and we ask to be put on paths of repentance, wherever we need to repent. If there are neighbors we have harmed, help us to make amends. Help us to be a patient people. Where we lack gratitude, renew in our hearts an attitude of gratitude and a right spirit to joyfully follow You from this place. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness*

Forgiveness and love have been poured out upon you, to offer hope to all nations. You are called and blessed to be messengers of God's good news to all people. Amen.

† *Peace of Christ*

*At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.*

*Choir Anthem*

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

*Sermon*

"Prayer and the Path to Joy"

Rev. Adam Benson

*Prayers of the People*

*Invitation to the Offering*

*The Doxology (UMH 94)*

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

*Dedicating our gifts to God*

† *Closing Hymn*

"A Mighty Fortress"

**UMH 110**

† *Benediction*

Rev. Adam Benson

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

### Announcements:

We will have a **joint worship service with Avivamiento** next week on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19 @ 10:30 AM**. If you are staying for pizza, please **RSVP** so we can plan on how many pizzas to get.

**Study on Philippians, “Chasing Happy,”** on **Thursdays @ noon**.

The adult **Sunday School class** meets with Herb Schwarze and Marie Porter on **“Moses”** by Adam Hamilton is being offered at **9:30 AM on Sundays in Room 1**.

**Mission Announcement: Parkwood UMC is now in charge of stocking the green bean shelf in the Parktown Food Hub every month!** We encourage you all to bring your cans of green beans each month. Thanks so much to all of you who brought your cans during April!

**“Coffee with the Pastor”** is this **Wednesday at Bean Traders @ 9:30 AM-12**

**Egg Drive: our next Egg Drive will be on Sunday, June 2**

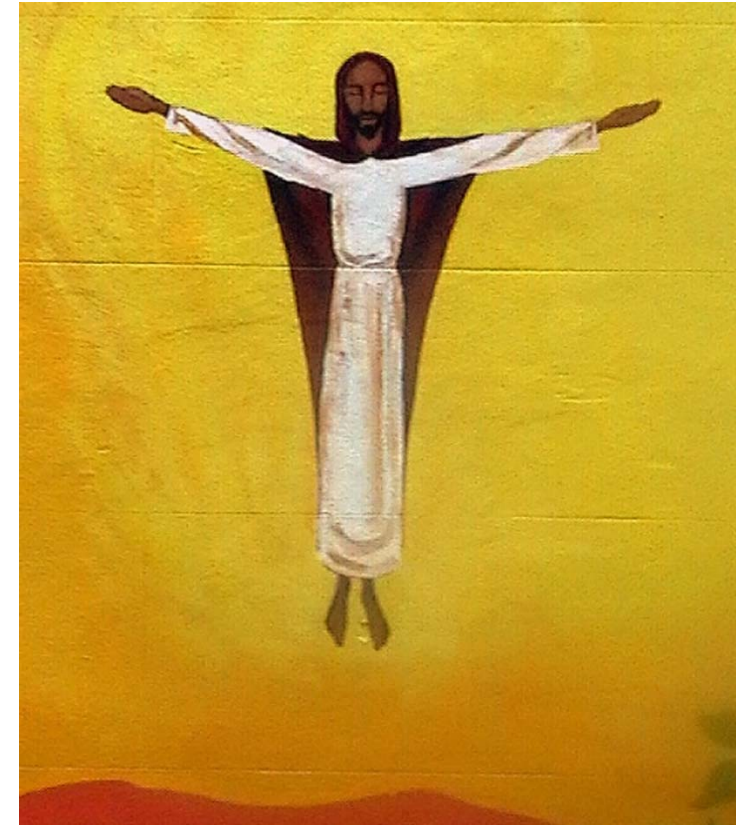
**Youth:** if you are interested in going with Pastor Adam and Mr. Mike to an escape room and Chic-fil-A on Monday, May 27 (Memorial Holiday) @ 9:30-12 PM, please let him know so he can reserve you a spot. It's \$28 to do the escape room, and you will need to bring money for lunch.

Total Offering or Gifts given Jan-Mar, 2024: \$33,564.65

Total budgeted for Jan-Mar: \$39,834

Difference between collected offerings and what we spent for Jan-Mar is **-\$6,223.00**

# Parkwood United Methodist Church May 12, 2024



Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England

## Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024 • Ascension Sunday