

Welcome to Mt Hebron United Methodist Church

Please note, masks are encouraged to be worn at all times within the building.

Embracing the Uncertain. We invite you to join us for a Lenten small group study beginning Wednesday, Feb 24 at 6:30 pm. We will continue each Wednesday evening through the season of Lent. You may participate in this small group either in person or via zoom. Books will be available beginning in February. Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating. For more information, contact Rev. Gerald at gwatford@mthebrnumc.com.

Confirmation Class Update - Our January and February Confirmation classes have changed and will now be held on Jan 31 and Feb 21 at 5pm in the Family Life Center. Thank you for understanding!

Ladies' Traveling Bible - We now have a Mt. Hebron Traveling Bible through which the love of Christ and the heart of all who want to be a part can pass from one member to another. Bible journaling is easy and doesn't need to take much time. As you read scripture (maybe your favorite), jot down personal notes, add stickers, use art or rewrite the verse in your own words in the margins, perhaps turn the verse into a prayer, then it will be passed to the next person. As you journal in this Bible, pray for the person who will receive it next, and at the end of the year, this very precious Bible will be gifted to someone in hopes they find peace and hope through its pages. If you are interested in being a part of this Mt. Hebron Traveling Bible group, please contact Debbie Watford at debbiewatford1@gmail.com or 803-673-4930. Thank you!

J.W. Hendrix Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for 2021-2022 academic year scholarship through March 31, 2021. Application instructions and applications are available on the church's website, www.mthebrnumc.com, or in the church office.

Baby Blessings - We will be honoring the babies born into the Mt. Hebron Church family in 2020 during *the 9:00 NewLife worship service on Jan 31*.

GoForth Community Yard Sale - Saturday, Feb 6, 9am - 1pm. Thank you in advance for coming out and supporting this wonderful ministry!



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Worship Attendance 1/10/2021 - 269	
New Life! Service - Online, 90; In-Person, 33	Traditional Service - Online, 90; In-Person, 56
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$292,810.93 Current Loan Balance: \$2,088,416.85	Year-to-Date 1/3/21: Contributions: \$8,855.00 Expenses: \$0.00 Surplus/<Deficit>: \$8,855.00

A video recording of this service is being streamed through Facebook live. It is available at <https://www.facebook.com/mthebrnumc>. Measures are taken to only record those leading the service; with rare exception, those participating in the congregation will not be visible during the stream.

January 24, 2021 ~ 11:15 am
Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives
Embrace... Engage... Empower

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

As many experts believe at this time singing in a large group of persons can be dangerous, we invite you to silently meditate on the hymn text while worship leaders offer their voices.

- * Hymn, UMH #98 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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| 1. To God be the glory,
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in. | 2. O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. R |
| Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done! | 3. Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. R |

- * 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.*

Special Music *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* Andy Gowan, baritone

Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43

- ³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.
³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of

peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen — by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Sermon 'Empowered by a Victory that Looks Like Defeat'

1. Victory can look like defeat when God's initiative is rooted in His _____, not ours.
2. Victory can look like defeat when God's initiative calls us to celebrate God's _____.

- * Hymn, UMH #140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
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| 1 Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. | 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R |
| Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! | 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! R |

* Benediction

* Postlude

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

Minister: Rev. Dr. Gerald Watford; *Liturgist:* Rev. Kevin Cooley; *Director of Music:* Tom Brunson

Organist: Dr. Louis Playford; *Altar Guild:* Sue Harman; *Lay Reader:* Butch Salters

Greeters: Cathy Neeley & John Kelley; *Ushers:* Butch Salters, Calvin Gunter, Gretchen McCabe, Troy Blalock

*Lee and Donna Jones give the altar flowers to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Sabra Coward Lott.*