

**11:00 am Worship**  
**April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter**

*The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** Kelley Hill

**Invocation** Wendi Bearden

**Call to Worship** *We Have Come Into His House* Handbell Choir

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH #163

**\*Responsive Reading** *adapted from* Hebrews 4:14a, 16  
Leader: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God  
People: **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed***

*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.*

\*means universal

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The 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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

**Children's Moment** Hillary Eckstein

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music** *How Beautiful* Chancel Choir

**\*Prayer of Praise**

*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*

**Message** "Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner, and Why"  
(John 20:19-31) Rev. Lance Eiland

**\*Hymn of Invitation** *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH #322

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Chandler Ogles

\*please stand as you are able

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*The altar flowers are given by Elsie Small family in loving memory of A.C. & Elsie Small, along with Patricia Abrams.*

**Did you know?**

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our Holy Week events possible! We had 180 at our Palm Sunday celebration, and 308 people attended our three Easter services!

Be on the lookout in our communications for some renewal and fellowship events coming up in the summer!

Our New Beginnings Campaign has raised \$36,642 with an additional \$25,960 pledged. If you have not yet given or pledged, there are still plenty of time to do so. Thank you for your support as we continue to raise the funds for our disaffiliation!

Good Morning!  
We're so glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

## Prayer Requests

## Sign-Ups

### Vidalia Onions

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ 10-lb bags of onions for \$10 ea. Orders and money are **due by April 20**, and onions will be available for pickup May 11.

### Mission House

\_\_\_\_ Check if interested in volunteering

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## Announcements

### This Afternoon

4:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal, *bell room*  
5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*  
5:00-6:30 pm - Youth & Kids - dinner provided, *fellowship hall*

### Tuesday, April 17

1-3:30 pm - Crafty Christians, *fellowship hall*

### Tuesday, April 18

9-11:00 am - Chrismons, *fellowship hall*

### Wednesday, April 19

6:00 pm - Food & Fellowship - meal provided by *Class 360*  
6:30 pm - Small Groups, Youth & Kids Classes

### YOUTH SUNDAY

Will be April 30<sup>th</sup> with combined worship at 10:00 am followed by a potluck meal.

### WELCOME REV. LANCE J. EILAND

Lance grew up in Andalusia, Alabama. In 1999 he graduated from Andalusia High School. In 2005 he graduated from Troy State University with his BA in English Literature, and in 2008 he graduated from Emory University with his M.Div.

Lance has served and chaired various Boards and Agencies within the United Methodist Church. He has served on the Board of Ordained Ministry, Town and Country Commission, Blue Lake Camp's Board, and has been a part of the Conference CORE Team, as well as serving in various committees at the district level.

Lance is a father to an energetic and somewhat frenetic 5-year old girl named Anna Claire. In his spare time he is re-learning how to play with legos and is discovering how many princesses Disney actually has. He enjoys cooking, reading, playing tennis, and attempts to play golf from time to time.

