

# UCC



# EASTER

HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

April 1, 2018

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

### WORSHIP

*Salvation Belongs to Our God*

**Welcome/Family News/Isaiah 25:6-9**  
**Responsive Reading** Judy Siburt

**464** *Because He Lives*

**290** *Shine Jesus Shine*

**Prayer** Andrew Huddleston

**346** *He Lives*

*Days of Elijah*

**Communion** Brady Bryce  
**Acts 10:34-43**

#### Bread

*Open My Heart* LTC Chorus

#### Cup

*Jesus, He is Our King* LTC Chorus

#### Offering

**344** *Low In the Grave He Lay*

**John 20:1-18** Mark Hamilton

**Sunday's Children** Brent Isbell

*Shout to the North*

**Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Worship Leader** Eric Lemmons

*If you would like to have someone pray with you, or for you, please make your way to Room 101 at the end of service where there are UCC members waiting just for you.*

*Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

### REFLECTIONS

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
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#### Happy Easter! Welcome to UCC!

If you are a guest today, please fill out a **Connections Card** (found on the seat backs). It's quick and easy. You can use that card to share contact information, request prayers, or even let us know you want to be a member here at University Church. Then drop your card in the offering plate. You can also do this on your phone at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card). Please, come again soon!

**It's Easter.** Oddly enough, it also happens to be April Fools' Day! We will focus today on the Good News of the Risen Jesus. It's a very simple message, but pay close attention. It's important we not be fooled about such crucial content. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

Many of you were present earlier at our **Sunrise Service** in the UCC courtyard. Several of our brothers and sisters led us in songs, prayers, Scripture, and communion—celebrating the **Resurrection of our Lord**. In our **Time of Remembrance**, we read the names of dear family and friends we lost to death this last year. Sunrise is a special tradition!

We also send a **huge thanks** to the many folks who helped host our **Easter Breakfast** in the MAC! Thanks to **Barry Young** and his cooking team, servers, clean-up crews, and everyone involved. The food was delicious. Easter Breakfast is a great way to show hospitality to our guests and neighbors, share fellowship with each other, and give all our hard-working Sunday School teachers a deserved holiday break!

Immediately following worship this morning, our Children's Ministry will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** due north of the UCC auditorium, across E.N. 16th Street on the ACU Sewell Theatre corner. This is for all families with young children! Word on the street is that a special guest rabbit will be available for photos. The Egg Hunt will conclude our morning activities. There will be no 5 p.m. service today.

This week, our current Wednesday classes continue. **Lou Seckler** will teach in the Family Room on **The Holy Spirit: God's Living Presence in the Church Today**. In Conversations (MAC 501), **Tom Milholland** will talk about **Addressing Addiction in Those We Love**.

Join us this **Wednesday night** at 5:45 p.m. for **Chinese food** in the MAC, and then come to one of our mid-week classes at 7 p.m.!

#### CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

#### WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.  
Sanctuary - 8 p.m.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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#### NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

#### ATTENDANCE: March 25, 2018

Worship - **336** Northern Oaks - **n/a**  
Chapel PM - **97** Silver Springs - **30**  
Bilingual - **88** Coronado - **61**

#### OFFERING:

March 25 **\$10,897.21**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister  
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### Thank You Jesus by Sheiresa McRae

Thank you Jesus, for loving me,  
You died on the cross, and set me free.  
They buried you, and went away,  
But you rose again on the third day.  
Very soon you will come again,  
And I will live with you in heaven.  
Thank you for dying on Calvary.  
Thank you Jesus, for loving me.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Immediately following the worship service today we will have an egg hunt. Children and their families can line up inside the auditorium on the north wall.

### We will walk across the street together.

The children will be divided into two age groups. The younger children will hunt first, then the older children will hunt.

*"For God so loved the world He gave his only son, and whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister  
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When Jesus interacted with people, one of the main things he wanted to prove was that his Father presence was real; not just as correspondence with his creation, but a manifestation of messages and actions that offer possibilities of salvation, transformation to lift the spirit up to a celestial fellowship.

The resurrection is real only when we use it for our benefit, when we understand our hope of reaching God and maintaining a spiritual life is possible. The resurrection is worth it when we make a step that set us closer to the Creator.

## TRANSITIONS

### Andrew Huddleston

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**Tonight**, there will be **no small group** due to Easter Sunday.

Next week, the **red group** will be at the **Gibbs'** and the **blue group still needs a host.**

Check our **Facebook** page for more information.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Resurrection Sunday Family Event:** The Bilingual Group will be hosting an event at Nelson Park Festival Gardens, **TODAY** at 4:30 p.m. **Join us for games, food and fellowship, EVERYONE is welcome!**

Please make plans to attend a come and go reception for **Megeste Pierre on Sunday, April 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the UCC Family Room.** Megeste will finish his Master of Divinity in May and return to **The Goodness of God Orphanage in Haiti.** It has been a long journey for Megeste, but with all glory to God and many brothers and sisters in Christ the finish line is in sight. Please stop by and wish him well. A money tree will be available and a journal for notes of encouragement.

**Sanctuary** continues tonight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel, so come join us if you are able.

**Ladies' Bible Class** continues Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Free baby-sitting is offered to those in attendance Wednesday with small children.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister  
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**No Youth Activity Today:** Because it is Easter Sunday, we will not have a youth activity today! Instead, we are encouraging you to join the **Bilingual Family Event at Nelson Park Festival Gardens** or spend time with your families.

**Huddles Continue Wednesday:** Our small-group Huddles continue on Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.. HS Huddle meets at the Scudder home, and the MS meets in the Youth Center.

**Spring Retreat - April 27-29:** Two weeks in a row, I have made some mistake with the date, and I apologize. Our Spring Retreat will actually be **April 27-29 at Camp Butman.** The cost will be \$40 per person (\$35 if there are two or more attendees in your family). We are offering the special price of \$25 for any friends you bring who are not regular attendees. It will be a ton of fun and spiritually meaningful, so make plans to join us! As always, we will need adult volunteers so please let Jason know if you are interested. Again, the correct date is April 27-29.

## GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister  
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**Easter Celebration:** We will join the Bilingual Group at 4:30 p.m. at **Nelson Park Festival Gardens.**

**Wednesday** we'll meet at 7 p.m., in room 504 at the MAC. Join us for dessert and coffee!

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria, Michael Kennedy  
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We extend a warm welcome to any college students with us today!  
**We are glad you're here!**

Since it's **Easter Sunday**, there will not be class or Dwelling Place today. We will instead be participating in the Easter celebrations at **Nelson Park Festival Gardens at 4:30 p.m.**

**Community Groups**, our small group, meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. (910 EN 12th Street)

## UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer  
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Submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday.  
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