

We're so glad you're here!

Please **register your attendance** using the pad on your pew or the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Flowers on the altar are given by Jerry and Perky Taylor to the glory of God and in memory of their daughter, Amanda.

Have you recently become a member of Huntsville First, or are you interested in becoming one? Then our **First Things First Exploring Membership Class** is for you. Come hear about who we are as a United Methodist Church, who we are as Huntsville First UMC, and who we are as members together in community at 10AM in the Gathering Room (214).

Refreshments are free and children are welcome.

Visit huntsvillefirst.org/events to register.

True North to Freedom was established to create community awareness of human trafficking and to be an advocate for and assist survivors reach their freedom. Join speaker Lisa A. Gallagher in the Sanctuary on Tuesday at 10AM. A reception will follow in Room 214. The event is presented by the joint circles of United Women in Faith.

Job opening: Our Special Ministries Program is in need of an assistant. This part-time, paid position requires 8-10 hours per week, including some hours on Saturdays for preparation and on Sunday mornings for serving and support. Email sarahvolc@huntsvillefirst.org for details.

We are curious to know: **If your life had a playlist**, what are a couple songs that might be included that resonate within your soul? Let us know by emailing byron@huntsvillefirst.org or rachel@huntsvillefirst.org. Who knows? You may hear them in a future worship series.

The **church office is now closed on Fridays**. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM to 4PM.



This Week @

HUNTSVILLE FIRST

Today

Nursery is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center. Sermon Notes for third through sixth graders are in the back of the sanctuary.

The **church library** is open from 9:20 to 10:50AM.

Wednesday

Music ensemble rehearsals: **First Family Singers**, 6PM, Room 219; **Heavenly Honkers**, 6PM, Room 212; **Sanctuary Choir**, 7PM, Room 204.

The **church library** is open from 1 to 3PM.

Friday

The church office is **now closed on Fridays**.

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30AM, Room 129. Cost is \$10. Email Dick Titus at rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu for details.

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Byron Vance

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs, Rev. Bill Crosby,
Rev. Coy Hallmark, Rev. June Wilson



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called to influence our community to know the love of Christ

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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM - 4PM
Friday 8:30AM - Noon
Sunday 8AM - Noon

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 APRIL 2026 | 9 & 11AM

Using your smartphone camera,
please scan the QR Code at right
to register your attendance.

WIFI password JoHn3:16



Welcome to worship!

You are invited to read/sing the **bold print** appearing throughout the bulletin. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

*please stand as able



PRELUDE

Aria | Firmin Swinnen

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP *inspired by Psalm 100*

Liturgist: We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

People: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

Liturgist: You, O God, are the Holy God always and forever!

You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

People: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.

Liturgist: O God, we are your children,

created by and with your love.

People: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us | BRADBURY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 883

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. 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.**

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

AMANDA TAYLOR WATSON GRADUATE AWARD

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY

My Jesus, I Love Thee | Raymond H. Haan

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION and BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to come to the back of the sanctuary and go with a "Shepherd" to Children's Church (Wesley Center, Room 208/210). Pick up children in the Wesley Center after the service.

HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 629

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart | GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10 (pew Bible, page 98, New Testament)

11AM | **ANTHEM** | SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Lord is My Shepherd | Michael John Trotta

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

Brings me to green pastures, beside still waters.

He refreshes my soul. He renews my life,

and by such grace, by such grace, He leads me.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will not fear, for you are with me; Your rod and staff, they comfort me.

As You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head; my cup over flows.

Goodness and kindness, shall follow me, all of the days, of my life,

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON | Rev. Byron Vance

*INVITATION HYMN UMH 261

Lord of the Dance | Lord of the Dance

The light of Christ, symbolically carried by the acolytes, leads us into the world to spread the good news.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata Festival on "In Babilone" | Richard Purvis

THE CARILLON



Clergy Assistant

Director of Music and Organist

Ushers

Rev. Bill Crosby

Jillian Gardner

9AM Richard Demming, Collin Keller,

Henry Rigsby, Joe Spearman

11AM Alan Bragg, Steve Cragon, Peter Lowe Jr.,

Mark Shull

Lay Liturgists

9AM Art Hargrove

11AM Luci Mathews