

**Redland Community United Methodist Church**  
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***Sunday, April 20, 2025***

**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

*We will be Christ's presence in our community,  
building relationships*

**OUR BIBLICAL PURPOSE:**

*"To be a faithful community of devoted servants who will share Christ's  
love and example."*

**MUSIC:** Felicia Fina;  
**LAY LEADER:** Phil Formel.  
**GREETERS:** Charles Alderson, Santiago Garcia  
**LITURGISTS:** Jan Burlison, Yanira Bonilla  
**USHERS:** Charles Alderson, Jim Rumohr  
**ACOLYTES:** Jim Rumohr

**Bishop:** Rev. Tom Berlin  
**District Superintendent:** Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana  
**Pastor:** Nelson Bonilla

**For emergency pastoral care or needs please contact:** *if you would like prayer, a visit, to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or baptism, information on joining the church or other needs.*

**Pastor Nelson Bonilla – Phone: 386-631-6193 email: [nelson.bonilla@flumc.org](mailto:nelson.bonilla@flumc.org)**  
Regular Office Hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-1pm or by appointment or the following members: **Santiago Garcia, Administrative Council Chair, 305-608-1184**

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday: 9:00 am -Worship Service  
**Fellowship Coffee after service**  
Tuesday: 10:00 am -Prayer and Share in the multi-purpose room.  
Friday: 11:00 am - Bible Study  
**5:00pm- Fellowship Dinner: First Sunday of every month**



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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Liturgist: Jan Burlison**

**WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)**

**PRELUDE** **Felicia Fina, Pianist**  
*(acolyte brings light into the gathering place)*

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
**Gracious God, as we reflect on Easter, we offer up this morning to you, Lord, and pray in gratitude for the gift of salvation that Jesus won for us. Guide us in living out the Easter message daily and sharing your light with the world. Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L: It happened! Jesus was absolutely right!**

**P: Christ is risen! It was as he said it would be!**

**L: Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!**

**P: God's love has poured over us, bringing us joy and hope!**

**L: We are free from fear and doubt!**

**P: We are free to celebrate and dance and shout the Good News "Christ is Risen!"**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"**  
**#304 (UMH)**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed #880 (UMH)**

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER : #557(UMH)**  
*As the body of Christ in the world, let us share his love and peace with one another.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS:** *(We lift up concerns & thanksgivings)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER** *The Lord's Prayer*

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION "Up from the Grave He Arose"**  
**#322 (UMH)**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 20:1-18**

*Leader: The word of God for the people of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL PARTICIPATION**

**SERMON** "There is Power in Jesus' Resurrection." Pastor Nelson.

**HYMN OF INVITATION "He Lives" #310 (UMH)**

**OFFERTORY PIANIST**  
*Special Music (Offering plate in center aisle)*

**\* OFFERTORY PRAISE: (Doxology) #95 (UMH)**

**\* HYMN OF SENDING "God Be With You, Till We Meet Again" #672 (UMH) (First Verse)**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen #898(UMH)**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED (The United Methodist Hymnal, #880)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

JOHN 20:1-18

### *The Resurrection of Jesus*

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### *Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene*

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew “Rabbouni!” (which means teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Please remember the Joys and Concerns in your daily prayer.**

*“The LORD’S loving kindness indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”*

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

JOYS: Gus’s sister Theresa is at home after almost a year in the hospital.

CONCERNS: Prayers for our country. Prayers for our denomination, local churches, pastors, and leaders. Prayers for the people of Cuba. Prayers for the people of Gaza. For all missionaries around the world. For People struggling with mental health. All victims and their families of tragic violent shootings. Immigrants seeking asylum. All victims of terrorism and natural disasters. Those in Hospice Care, and those suffering from cancer. Prayers for single moms. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For World leaders to make good decisions that lead to peace. Ed & Karen's son Brian. Pray for people experiencing homelessness.

**Healing prayers for:** Chris Field. Santiago Garcia. Harriet Morris. Phil’s brothers Mike, Steve and Shaun. Diana Taylor. Continue prayers for Lily, she’s at the hospital with a brain infection. Valentina, needing a bone marrow transplant, and Michelle her mom diagnosed with cancer. Felicia’s sister. May’s brother David. Lucy’s brother-in-Law Mike. Jina May. Jim’s brother, sister and brother-in-law (Terry Rumohr, Sharon, Mike). Dottie. Jan’s mom. Sandi Settle continued healing.

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**(BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN APRIL!**

**APRIL ACTIVITIES:**

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Food Reception in fellowship hall at 10AM

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Friday, April 25 at 5PM

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 4 PM

**PRAYER TREE:** We invite you to participate in our Prayer Tree special place where you can leave your prayers. Simply write your prayer on a ribbon and hang it on the tree outside.

**New AC:** If you wish to donate to this project, please mark your special donations as “AC offering.”

**UPPER ROOM:** Daily devotional now available in the Narthex area.

**PRAYERS:** Join us daily at 12:00 pm with prayers for the healing of the World.

**TREE OF LIFE:** Leaves and other features are available to dedicate or memorialize special individuals in your life. Flyers are available in the Narthex.