

**HOLY COMMUNION TABLE III UMH 15-16**

*(There is a gluten-free station available to the left of the pulpit)*

*The communion rail is for Mal Braddy. Mal is the beloved and former long-time custodian at Aldersgate. He has suffered several major health issues since leaving Aldersgate.*

*Please give generously to show our love.*

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)"

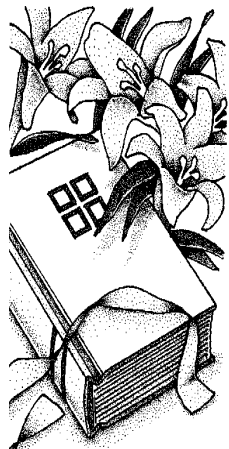
Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ,  
and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign forever and ever.  
Hallelujah!

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Rumanian Folk Dances"

Bartok



**Origin:** *Easter is the oldest festival of the church year. The entire season from Easter to Pentecost was once observed as one continuous festival. Later, in the fourth century, the season was separated into the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost.*

*The early church called Easter 'Pascha,' derived from the Hebrew for Passover. The name Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess, Eostre, whose festival coincided with the spring equinox.*

**Color and Symbols:** *The color for Easter is white. Seeds bursting forth from a pomegranate symbolize the power of the Lord who burst forth alive from the tomb. The butterfly emerging from the lifeless chrysalis is a parallel to the Lord's leaving the tomb as well. The idea of life coming from death is also seen in the Easter lily. The lily is associated with Easter; it's blooming season; also, for most of the year the bulb sits bare and brown in the ground, and then the plant emerges as if from death, and blossoms.*



*Easter*

April 4, 2010

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

3185 Wheeler Road, Augusta, Georgia

Rev. John Pinson, Senior Pastor

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# EASTER

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APRIL 4, 2010  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

## *ENTRANCE*

**CHORAL MEDITATION** "First Light" Gawthrop  
**PRELUDE** "Ode to Joy" Beethoven  
**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #302** (v. 1,2,3,4) "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

We have to admit it, Lord, that we had our doubts.

**We have heard the Resurrection story and for so many years it has remained just a nice story.**

But this time it is different. This time we have walked the path with Christ.

**We have journeyed through the wilderness and valleys, to the mountaintops to the courtyard, the garden and the cross.**

Now you bring us to the empty tomb and to the joyous news of the truth of Christ.

**Forgive us when we so easily doubt the truth of his resurrection. Forgive us when we feel we have to have absolute proof of everything.**

Your love in Jesus Christ is all the proof we need. You conquered death and sin, you brought us to new life.

**We praise your holy name and sing our unending song of hope and thanksgiving. Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia. AMEN.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace.

**AMEN.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**  
(people greet one another)

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

REV. MARIA NEWSUM

### **\*HYMN #702**

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

### **EPISTLE LESSON**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

## *PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD*

### **\*GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 20:1-18

### **SERMON**

REV. JOHN PINSON

### **MORNING PRAYER**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #888** (From 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20)

Leader:

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,  
was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
The Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.  
Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

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### **GLORIA PATRI #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.**

## *THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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"Love Never Fails"

Redford

### **\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY #95**

**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.**

\*Please stand as you are able.