



**SERMON TITLE:**

**“Gospel of Outsiders: The Discouraged & Disbelieving”**

**Luke 24:18-27; 44-48 (CEB)**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

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**Mission: “To Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”**

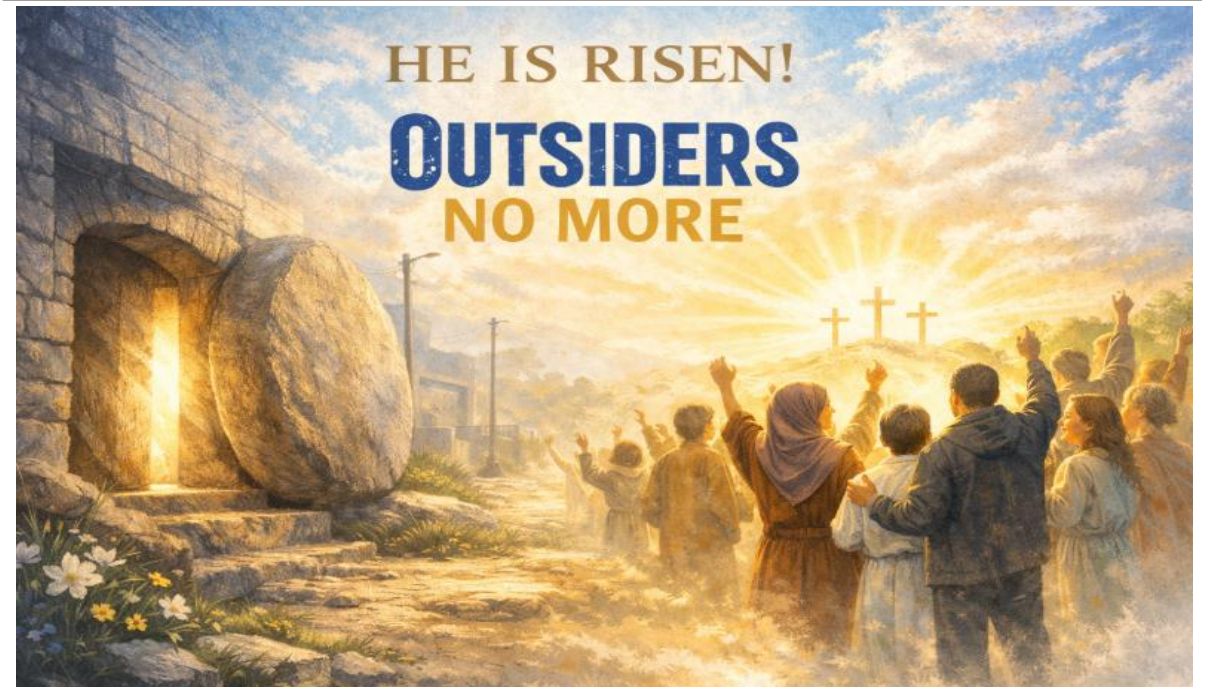
Services:

Sunday Schools - 9:30am, 9:45am

Traditional Worship - 11:00am in Sanctuary

**Sunday**

**April 12, 2026**



**Rev. Eric McCrea, Senior Pastor**  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Pre-Service Music

Barbara Ketchum & Gavin Taylor

*“Jesus (He is the Son of God)”*

Chiming of the Hour

Gavin Taylor

Choral Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

\*Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer

Stephen Roberts

\*Welcome Chorus

Congregation

*“Because He Lives”*

\*Opening Hymn

Congregation

*“Christ Is Alive”*

(Verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

UMH #318

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed

Stephen Roberts

UMH #881

\*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.

Choral Call to Prayer

Chancel Choir

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Prayer

Pastor Eric

Mission Moment

Pastor Eric

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Eric

Offering our Gifts to God

Gavin Taylor

\*Doxology

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.

Scripture

Luke 24:18-27; 44-48 (CEB)

Pastor Eric

Choral Anthem

*“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Arlinda Burks

*“Gospel of Outsiders: The Discouraged and Disbelieving”*

\*Hymn of Dedication

*“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

(Verses 1, 3, 5)

Congregation

UMH #397

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Pastor Eric

\*Choral Benediction

*“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

Gavin Taylor

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\*Congregation please stand, as able

# Prayer Room

Marvin Bailey and Family  
 Deanna Bea  
 Jack & Shirley Bernard  
 Linda Boyd (Sister of Deborah Hagan)  
 Ruth Salter (Singing Seniors)  
 Heather Smith (niece of Nancy & Wes Yeary)  
 Wes Yeary



**We will continue to pray for others not mentioned on the prayer list.**

**Names will be listed on The Prayer List for 30 days. After that time, please let the Church Office know if we need to continue**

### Did You Know

Arlington United Methodist has an online presence. You can find us at:

Church Website

<https://arlington-umc.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonunitedmethodistchurch>

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### Today's Worship Service Ushers are:

J C Claxton  
 Susan Edgerton  
 Patti Brown  
 Marcia Roberts  
 Marvin Bailey  
 Harold Elkins



### Service Ushers April 19<sup>th</sup>

J C Claxton  
 Pamela Lea  
 Lynda Dresch  
 Jerry Dresch  
 Gene Hagen  
 Marvin Bailey

***"Serving God. Serving His people."***

Are you in need of a Stephen Minister?



Contact the office  
 (904) 743-1400  
 to request a  
 Stephen Minister  
 contact you

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one on one care for people in the congregation or our community experiencing difficulties in life, such as grief, job loss, divorce, major illness, spiritual struggles, and so on.

# EVENTS

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS at AUMC

Sunday	April 12, 2026	9:45am 11am	Sunday School, WH Church Service - Easter
Monday	April 13, 2026	10:30am 1pm	Aldersgate Mtg, WH Literacy English Class
Tuesday	April 14, 2026	1pm 5pm 6pm 7pm	House of David Class, CR Dance Class, 5-6.5 yrs Dance Class, 6.5-8 yrs Dance Class, 8-12 yrs
Wednesday	April 15, 2026	10am 1pm 5pm 5:30pm 5:45pm	SIT & SEW, WH-102 Literacy English Class Dance Class, 3-4 yrs Celebration Singers Dance Class, 8-12 yrs
Thursday	April 16, 2026	5:30pm 6pm 6pm 7:15pm 7:15pm	Yoga Class, WH Asbury Ringers Dance Class, 9 yrs & Up Dance Class, Teen/Adult Chancel Choir
Saturday	April 18, 2026	8:30am 11am	Emmaus Celebration of Life, Eddie Small

## Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Launching Hope Food Pantry

During the month of March 2026, we greeted 70 clients and provided food for 290 individuals. The month of March reflects a slight decrease from our February report.

Our basic pantry needs continue to be: canned chicken, chili, beans, and rice.

*Our top client choices from Dollar Tree and/or Aldi's are laundry detergent, dish detergent, bar soap, and toothpaste.*



We welcome new volunteers to assist and make sure our pantry is fully staffed. We also need substitutes to assist when regular volunteers are unavailable. We are always looking for anyone bilingual and willing to assist.

Please contact *Elaine Bailey* if interested in volunteering.

**THANK YOU** for your continued generous support.

We encourage you to: "Remember to Gift (AUMC) in your Will and Estate Planning".

Giving to the Church is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. Through a charitable gift, you can have a significant positive effect on the ministries of the Church and those people whose lives are changed because of them.

Please know that the staff in the church office are available to assist you in any way possible.



Please show your continued support to Linda Jenkins and the Dance Ministry. Thanks to Larry Martin we will not need to put out a Sign-Up Genius. Larry now covers 90% of the times. Thank you!

## THE FLORIDA BALLET AND AUMC DANCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support for The Florida Ballet and AUMC Dance Program. We will begin Spring Session, March 24 – May 14, 2026 (8 weeks). The schedule is as follows:



<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>\$75 (8 weeks)</b>	5:00-6:00pm Primary A Ballet (5 - 6.5 years)
		6:00-7:00pm Primary B Ballet (6.5 - 8 years)
		7:00-8:00pm Beginning Ballet (8 - 12 years)
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Free Classes (8 weeks)</b>	5:00-5:45pm Pre-Primary, (3-4 years)
		5:45-6:45pm Let's Dance, Multi Genre (8 & Up)
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>\$75 (8 weeks)</b>	6:00-7:00pm Performance Dance Class, 9 years & Up
		7:15-8:15 pm Teen/Adult Beginning Ballet

Follow our Facebook page FLB & AUMC Dance Program and/or share the information by telling your family and friends, encouraging them to contact The Florida Ballet.

Use the following link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/232054968289065>

Dance Presentation: May 13, 2026



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