



EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020 | 10:15 AM

Welcome!

We are grateful you chose to be with us in worship today and we believe that no matter where you are in life, there is a place for you here at Royston First United Methodist Church. If you want to know more please call, e-mail, or contact us through Facebook.

Interested in Your Next Step at Royston First UMC?

Whether you have been worshipping at Royston First UMC for a while or this is your first time with us, we believe everyone is on a journey of faith and there is a next step for each of us. Please take time to fill out our [Digital Connect card](#) so we can connect with you. Your next step may be baptism, becoming a Christian, finding a small group or Sunday School class, serving others, or church membership. Contact our pastor at matt@roystonfirstumc.org to get started and discover your next step at Royston First UMC.

Ways to Give to RFUMC

- **Mail your contributions** to our church office at 137 Franklin Springs Street, Royston, GA 30662. Our church office staff is working out of the offices and checking the mail daily.
- **Give online.** Go to www.roystonfirstumc.org/give and follow the instructions for making an online contribution.
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Stay Informed

Stay up to date on all that is going on at Royston First UMC through our weekly newsletter. Sign up at www.roystonfirstumc.org/subscribe for the newsletter and other age or interest specific communications.

Staff & Contact Information

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Easter Sunday Schedule

7 AM | Sunrise Service and Morning Devotion w/ Pastor Matt

Rise and shine, grab a cup of coffee and some breakfast, and [log on](#) for a special Easter Sunrise service online with Pastor Matt ([broadcast live from the parsonage](#)). Pastor Matt will share a short Easter message, a prayer, and an Easter blessing for you and your family.

10:15 AM | Virtual Worship Experience

On Easter, we will premiere our virtual worship experience on [YouTube](#) AND on our [Facebook](#) page. You can log into either platform and worship with us on Easter Sunday at 10:15 AM. Pastor Matt and the staff will be on the live chat for each of the services, so you can interact with them. We encourage you to share the celebration with others! Send your friends and family the link to one of the virtual worship experiences, and invite them to worship with you wherever they are!

11:30 AM | Coffee with Pastor Matt on [Zoom](#)

[Register here!](#) After the virtual worship experience premiere, we want to invite you to grab a cup of coffee and head over to [Zoom](#) where you can fellowship with others and hang out with Pastor Matt for some discussion and prayer. It will be a great time to see others and celebrate Easter together!



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Chiming of the Hour

Brenda Hill

Pre-Service Easter Prelude

Karen Smith & Choir

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (verses 1-4)

UMH 302

Greeting

Rev. Matt Parker

Praise Songs

Josh Bryan & Praise Band

You Are Good (Israel & New Breed)

Forever (Kari Jobe)

Prayers of the People

Share prayer concerns and ask folks to send us prayer requests at
prayer@roystonfirstumc.org

Offering/Offertory

Those Nails

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Children's Moment

Heather Woods

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 13-27

Message

Rev. Matt Parker

"GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SINS"

Closing Song

Karen Smith & Choir

HE LIVES (VERSES 1,3)

UMH 310

Benediction

Rev. Matt Parker

Postlude

Barbara Gandy

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Sharon Brown

Vivian Martin

Our family, friends, and neighbors during this uncertain time

Prayer Practice

Fasting on Wednesday and praying together at 12 PM at the end of our driveways. Being together in prayer, when we can't physically gather together.

Sermon Notes:



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Announcements

ALL LINKS are active. Click on a link and it will take you to the right place.

WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN ONLINE WORSHIP?

If you are interested in any of the following areas, let us know by email at matt@roystonfirstumc.org or call the church office at 706-245-7402. The phones have been forwarded so that we may still connect with you.

Online greeters: We are looking for volunteers who can kick off the virtual service with a welcome message (about 10 seconds long). Let us know if you would like to help with this and Matt can follow up with you.

Hi, this is (YOUR NAME) , and I want to welcome you to our virtual worship experience at Royston First UMC!

Read scripture: seeing others has been one of the best parts of the virtual services. If you would be willing to read, let us know. We will walk you through how to do a self-video, even for the technical challenged. We need these videos emailed to matt@roystonfirstumc.org by Thursday at 12 PM.

STAY CONNECTED even with Social Distancing

FACEBOOK LIVE Events

Online Prayer Meeting—Sundays at 5 PM: Join with Pastor Matt using Facebook Live on the church's Facebook page. You can sign on and watch the prayer meeting, and interact with Pastor Matt as we join together in prayer.

Online Bible Study— Wednesdays at 7pm

On Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, Pastor Matt is offering an online Bible study using [Zoom](#). This study and discussion is open each week to anyone who wants to attend and will be studying the scripture for the upcoming sermon.

[Click here to REGISTER for Online Bible Study](#)

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Share Your Concerns & Celebrations

As we continue to be a church that prays WITH you and prays FOR you, we ask that you share your prayer concerns and celebrations with us at

PRAYER & CELEBRATIONS

You can also share your concerns and celebrations using the [Royston First United Methodist Church Facebook Group](#) (this is different from the Facebook page).

[+ Join](#)

VBS, June 22-26

Yes, the plan is that we will be able to have VBS this summer. In preparation for this, we need to know who will be joining us on a Quest for the King's Armor this summer, June 22-26 from 5:30 PM– 8:00 PM. Pre-k through 5th grade and volunteer registration is open now at www.roystonfirstumc.org/vbs

Are you having technical issues with how we are connecting with you?

Don't be afraid to ask for assistance in accessing these new forms of communication. Please call Julie Lewis and she will be glad to help you navigate through many issues you may be having. Julie will have some virtual training coming up in the next weeks. If you are interested, please let me know by calling (706-245-7402) or email at office@roystonfirstumc.org.

**TECH
SUPPORT**

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

RAINBOW PANTRY DONATIONS

We will continue to collect donations for Rainbow Pantry on **Thursdays from 11 AM-12 PM- Drive up** under the portico of the church between 11 AM -12 PM on Thursday, **honk** your horn, and someone will come out to receive your donation. Requested donations include *toiletries, canned food items, soaps, cleaning supplies, and canned food items.*

GIVE TO COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND

Will you consider making a special offering to our Community Assistance Fund? This fund will be used to help families in Royston and Franklin County as they navigate through the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak.



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GPS- GROW, PRAY, STUDY

www.roystonfirstumc.org/exploration

We send out a weekly e-mail on Monday mornings that includes the GPS Guide for the week and the most recent *Minute with Matt* video.

GROW

Reflect on these questions as you read this scripture and hear the message for this week:

- 1) The story of David and Bathsheba illuminates the impact of sin in our lives. How would you define sin? How has your understanding and definition of sin changed through your faith journey?
- 2) How does Nathan help David acknowledge the sin in his life? Who or what lead you to acknowledge the sin in your life?
- 3) It is only by God's grace that we are forgiven of our sin. There is nothing we can do to earn that forgiveness. In what ways have you experienced God's grace in your own life? How has your understanding of God's grace impacted your relationship with God today?

PRAY

Almighty God, we praise you for your love and forgiveness. We confess that we have not always loved you with our whole heart, and we know that we have broken your heart whenever we have turned from you and not loved our neighbor. Forgive us, and free us from the guilt we carry. We love you, Lord, and we thank you for your grace that is more than sufficient for all our needs. Lead us into a life of holiness as we seek to follow you all the days of our lives. We celebrate the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins and was raised to life so that we may have eternal life with you. Praise be to God! Amen.

STUDY

Monday (4/13): Read **2 Samuel 16-19**

Tuesday (4/14): Read **2 Samuel 20-24**

Wednesday (4/15): Read **1 Kings 1-3**

Thursday (4/16): Read **1 Kings 4-7**

Friday (4/17): Read **1 Kings 8-11**

Saturday (4/18): Read **Psalms 46-48**

Q: How is David's Life Similar or different from your life?

MEMORY VERSE: "...for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." - **1 Samuel 16:7**

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE: *Transforming Lives Through Prayer* (**1 Kings 8:33-43**)