

# Usher Annual Day

Love In Action | Romans 12:10-13



May 21, 2023 | 10 a.m.



Easter Hill United Methodist Church  
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Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor



## **Rev. Dr. Debbie Weatherspoon**

Pastor Debbie Weatherspoon is a clergy member of the California-Nevada Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and a recent graduate from Wesley Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program in Public Engagement.

Passionate about Jesus and Justice, Pastor Debbie is active in the movement to end gun violence and serves as co-chairperson on the national board of JustFaith Ministries. Trained through Mercy Center's program, The Art and Practice of Spiritual Direction, Pastor Debbie serves as a spiritual director who listens and discerns the Spirit's movement while accompanying others.

She is the grateful and proud wife of Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, pastor of the one and only amazing congregation of Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, California. Together, the Weatherspoons are blessed by their loving sons, Wesley, and Justus. All four of them are loved by the best dog ever: Zayne. On July 1 of this year, Pastor Debbie will return to pastoral ministry after six years as the bishop intends to appoint her as pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Berkeley, California.



Worship Celebration | **7<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter** | Year A  
May 21, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | **Usher Annual Day**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Adolphus Benjamin

*(Inspired by Psalm 84:1-5, 8-10; Psalm 27:4, 8)*

LEADER: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed, it faints for the courts of the Lord.

**THE PEOPLE: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

LEADER: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at the altar, O Lord of hosts.

**THE PEOPLE: One thing I ask of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

LEADER: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

**THE PEOPLE: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

LEADER: O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

**THE PEOPLE: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

LEADER: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**ALL: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to live in the tents of wickedness.**

USHER’S GRAND MARCH

**“We Are Soldiers”** | p. 488, AAHH

Ms. Samantha Webster

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson, Soloist

PRAYER

Mr. Keon Stewart

O God, we seize this opportunity to celebrate ushers, those who serve us diligently. As we appreciate their service, we also spend these passing moments to reflect on our own opportunities to serve you and your people. May our lives be full of gratitude and service, for they go hand in hand. We are grateful; therefore, we serve. And for the opportunity to serve, we are grateful. Amen.

WELCOME

**Jru Franklin, Derek Steve Hall, and Dreama Hall**

RESPONSE

Visiting Church



MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED MEMBERS <b>“Precious Memories”</b>   p. 517, AAHH	Mr. Adolphus Benjamin Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson, Soloist
WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS Lay Servant:           It’s offering time! <b>Church:                Praise the Lord!</b>	United Methodist Men
<i>How to make your offering via the “Giving link @ <a href="http://www.easterhill.org/giving">www.easterhill.org/giving</a>”</i>	
OFFERTORY SONG <b>“Can’t Beat God Giving”</b>	p. 671, AAHH
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Mr. Adolphus Benjamin
DOXOLOGY <b>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</b>	p. 94, UM Hymnal
MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN	Mrs. Vicki Carr-Trotter
SCRIPTURE <b>Romans 12: 10-13</b>	Ms. Bettye Dott
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Ms. Felicia Phillips
MUSICAL SELECTION <b>“Order My Steps”</b>	Voices of Easter Hill
MESSAGE	Rev. Dr. Debbie Weatherspoon
CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP	Rev. Dr. Debbie Weatherspoon
BLESSING OF THE USHERS	Rev. Dr. Debbie Weatherspoon
ROLL CALL	Mrs. Sheila Phillips
SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Ms. Samantha Webster Ms. Felicia Phillips
CLOSING REMARKS	Ms. Samantha Webster Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon
✦ CLOSING SONG <b>“As You Go, Tell the World”</b>	p. 633, AAHH
BENEDICTION	Rev. Dr. Debbie Weatherspoon



**USHER BOARD OFFICERS**

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Linda Wright

**DECEASED USHERS**

DK Berryman  
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Arlish Faggens  
Georgia Hughes  
Jay Jackson  
Vickie Jefferson  
James Mann  
George Moore  
Nola Pyle  
Helen Thomas  
Charles Tucker  
Donald Williams

*\*Deceased past presidents*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Usher Board of Easter Hill United Methodist Church would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your attendance and participation in our Usher Annual Day celebration.





**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Pastor Dale and Pastor Debbie, United Methodist Men, our Host Ushers, Liz Johnson, Gloria Williams, Regina Sims, Hospitality Committee, the Voices of Easter Hill, Rev. Dr. D. Mark Wilson, Pianist/Music Director, Ms. Kimberly Harvey, Choir Director, and Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson. To our Easter Hill Family **THANK YOU** for your support. Thanks to Joyce Clark for the program and so much more

May God Bless and Keep you until we meet again. We look forward to seeing you next year.



The **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are dedicated in honor of the deceased Usher Board members of Easter Hill United Methodist Church.



# Serving the Lord

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<sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

**Romans 12: 10-13**

## CALENDAR EVENTS | MAY 22 – MAY 28, 2023

### Monday, May 22, 2023

10:20a CD Group | **Via Zoom**

7p Q Place | **Via Zoom**

### Tuesday, May 23, 2023

1p-2p Grief Group | **Beulah Room**

### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

1p Adult Bible Study | **Via Zoom**

7p Black Minds Matter | **Via Zoom**

### Thursday, May 25, 2023

6p Church Council | **Via Zoom**

### Friday, May 26, 2023

11a ElderTech Academy | **Via Zoom**

### Saturday, May 27, 2023

9a Prayer Ministry | **Via Zoom**

1p Choir Rehearsal | **Sanctuary**

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

**10a Pentecost Sunday** (Lectionary Year A)

*In-person Attendance | Live Stream on Facebook*



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFO

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## STAFF

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor

Rev. Phil Lawson, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Anthony Gordon, Co Senior Lay Servant

Linda Wright, Co Senior Lay Servant

Rev. Dr. D. Mark Wilson, Director of Music

Audrey Cormier, Organist

Kimberly Harvey, Director, Voices of Easter Hill

Joyce Clark, Administrative Assistant

Bishop Sally Dyck, Interim Bishop

Rev. Shinya Goto, District Superintendent

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME

All creation is of sacred worth. All humans are sacred images of God. Easter Hill United Methodist Church affirms, without reservation, Jesus' life, and ministry of unconditional love. As an inclusive and nurturing family of families, Easter Hill will continue to welcome and offer hospitality to all persons regardless of age, race, gender orientation, religious, economic, educational, or social status.

