

ROSE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NOTICE OF RESURRECTION

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

On the beautiful Sunday morning of March 26, 2023 the congregation of Rose Park UMC, returned to our property following the fire of January 25, 2023. Our members have been working diligently to repurpose our fellowship hall into a worship space. Christ was among us as we consecrated our new space: Little Rose Park Chapel. We were blessed to have a full house to celebrate the reception of four new members. We praised God through our prayers, our words, and our songs. Our service closed with a time of healing and anointing as we rededicated our lives to the service of Christ. God is with us today and always. We are a resurrection people! Hallelujah!

## POEM OF RENEWAL

### **God's Light!**

*On the occasion of the consecration of the Little Rose Park Chapel*

March 26, 2023

How can we, your children,  
imagine your power?  
Power as mighty as a storm,  
but gentle as a flower.

We have gathered here today  
in our newly finished space  
Surely your presence  
is with us in this place.

For 138 years,  
your children have gathered  
to worship here!  
By your love and grace,  
Many more generations  
will meet here, free from fear.

Your power protected a simple candle  
This cannot be, it makes no sense  
But strong it stood  
Even when the heat became intense.

Through the ashes,  
your love remains strong,  
On this day of new beginnings  
It is your love for which we long.

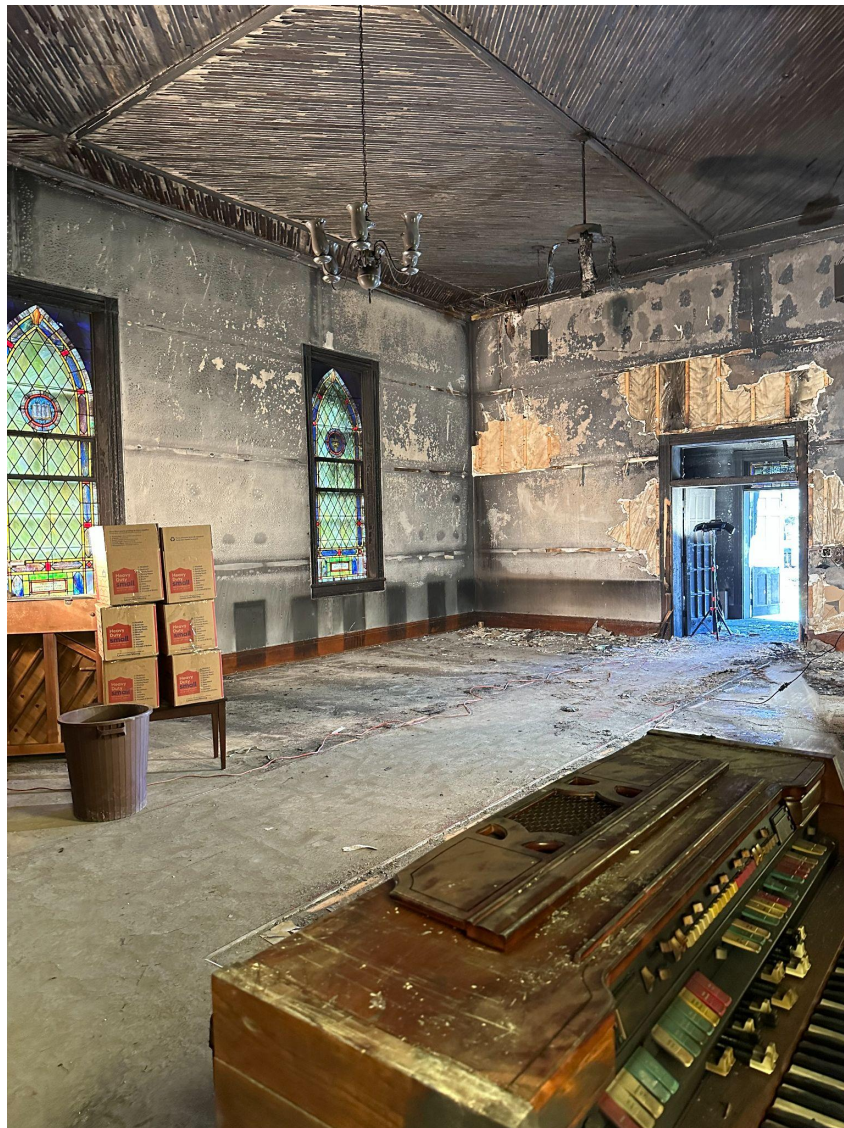
Love us, guide us  
So we can make the world hear  
Our voices when we declare your praise  
As we sing out loud and clear.

Renew us on this day  
Trim our wicks so Your light will burn brightly  
Lord, we ask you to heal us and anoint us  
And we thank you, God, Almighty.

L. Petry, Pastor

## NOTES

Work continues to restore the sanctuary and classrooms that were gutted by the fire. Our restoration is estimated at 12-18 months. In the meantime, we are ready to continue serving God as we worship at Little Rose Park Chapel. We are abundantly blessed! Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26





## THANK YOUs

We would like to thank all who have supported our efforts with their prayers and resources. First, we want to thank our sister church, Madison UMC, who lovingly opened their hearts and space for us to share. Our community has been amazing in its donations of services and goods. Local groups have hosted fundraisers for us and invited us to worship and fellowship meals. Many from the Virginia United Methodist Conference have offered and delivered items to support our return to worship in the form of hymnals, bibles, a piano and organ, and an exquisite handmade altar cloth. Going forward, monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help us replace the contents that were lost in the fire, particularly the pews that must be replaced.











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