

Wesley United Methodist Church

January 16, 2022



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**The Vision of Wesley United Methodist Church is to serve
all people with the love of Jesus Christ.**

Order of Worship – 10:00 A.M. Service

Preparing Your Home & Heart for Worship

Create a space that brings reminders of God's presence. Candles. Gifts, Colorful pictures. Fill your space with visuals for the season. Ask everyone in your home for suggestions. Before the gathering time: play music, turn off devices not used for worship, start to pay attention to your breath as a gift from God. Pray.

Gather and Spend Time with God Together

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts...” Acts 2:46

Welcome and Orientation

Centering our attention on God's Holy Presence

Gathering Centering Music

Let the music fill your hearts and spirits becoming aware of God welcoming you in love.

Call to Worship

One: Gift-giver, you call us together,

Many: with our different gifts, our different ideas, our different tastes.

One: You call us together,

Many: to share what makes us special, to build each other up, to serve each other in love.

One: You call us together,

Many: knowing that we need all parts of the body if we are to be whole.

One: You call us together,

Many: to sing, to pray, to listen, to speak.

To be refreshed so that we can go out and serve.

One: You call us together

Many: together we worship!

Opening Hymn “Christ, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

[v1] Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below, hear us, who Thy nature share, who Thy mystic body are.

[v2] Join us, in one spirit join, let us still receive of thine; still for more on Thee we call, Thou who fillest all in all.

[v3] Move and actuate and guide, diverse gifts to each divide; placed according to Thy will, let us all Thy work fulfill.

[v4] Never from thy service move, needful to each other prove;
use the grace on each bestowed, tempered by the art of God.

[v4b] Sweetly may we all agree, Touched with loving sympathy,
Kindly for each other care; Every member feel its share.

[v5] Many are we now and one, we who Jesus have put on;
there is neither bond nor free, male or female, Lord, in thee.

[v6] Love, like death, hath all destroyed, rendered all distinctions
void; names, and sects, and parties fall; Thou, O Christ, art all in all.

Glory Sightings

Witness to God's faithfulness and love in the world. You are invited to share where have you witnessed good news. Raise a hand, write in the Facebook Comments, add into Zoom Chat.

Proclamation and Response

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Prayer of Confession

All: God, we have not known how to use the gifts you have given us. At times, we have misused and abused your gifts, not knowing how to use them in a world where homelessness, pain, disease, injustices, and death affect young and old. We have not encouraged the downtrodden or the outcast of our societies. We continue to build bigger

homes, drive fancier cars, and wear fine clothes at the expense of those who live below the poverty line. Forgive us for our lack of caring and sharing.

God, we have not known how to use the gifts you have given us. We have failed to share words of wisdom with our young – those words that let them know they have value and worth, those words that help those in prison know that, though they are locked out of our society, they are not locked out of God’s grace or mercy. Forgive us for not using our gifts to bless. God, we don’t want to be ignorant; so help us use the gifts you have given us in the spirit you gave them, to build your kingdom and your people.

Silent prayer

Words of Assurance/Forgiveness

Pastor: God is the giver of MANY gifts.

God is the Creator of the ONE body.

God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all,

God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body.

We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen

Special Music

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” **5** His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. **9** When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Faith Response

All: We believe in the debonaire God who clothes the wild flowers dressing them so superbly that they outdo Solomon in all his glory; who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small, who feeds magpies and laughing kookaburras, and even doleful ravens and drongos.

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, turns water into the best wine, brings healing with his every touch, and who welcomes a woman's gift of love as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ, who sweated blood in an Olive Grove and kept the faith to the very end.

We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day did a thing so prodigious that even his friends were dismayed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the Source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do.

Amen

Sharing Christ's Peace

This is your opportunity to practice witnessing God's shalom. Cross your arms or press hands together at your heart, bow to one another while keeping eye contact. Offer this or similar greeting: "The Christ in me greets the Christ in you. Abundant peace." Use your social media and texts to send Christ's peace out into the world.

Offering

Giving is a spiritual practice of our faith. Sharing God's Good News through mission and ministry together through your covenant tithe, pledge, and offering with God. Consider healthy ways to be in service with your gifts and skills.

Musical Offering

During this musical act of praise, you are encouraged to praise God with your gifts. Wherever you are -- lift up your hands, sway, dance, let the spirit of God move you. (on screen or off).

Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Break Open Our Hearts with Prayer

As we share in prayer today you are encouraged to pray aloud your joys and concerns. Complete your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy" and all the people respond "Hear our prayer". Write your prayers in the Chat or Comment feed. Also please email them to the church office so the Prayer Team may continue to pray with you during the week.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to Christ's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise God!

Hymn of Praise “Become to Us the Living Bread” UMH 630

[v1] Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, renewed, and greatly comforted: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[v2] Become the never-failing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline our hearts to bear the covenant sign: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[V3] May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise the holy name, O Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing and Commission

Announcements/Action Steps

How shall we live as disciples this week? Highlights from the bulletin, newsletter, website, and emails. Please take time to read them all throughout the week for discipleship opportunities.

www.hamptonwesley.org

Singing and Sending

Fellowship - Online and Outdoors.

Prayers and liturgies today: Rev Gord

<http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

*Bryan K. Fleet, *The Africana Worship Book for Year C, (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 143.**

Bruce Prewer, <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

United Methodist Book of Worship

Vanderbilt University Divinity Lectionary Art Online

All music used within CCLI#752546

Remember in our Prayers

Concerns: Carol Hale, Lillian Hale, Nathan Sowers and family, Baby Grayson, Todd Stern, Jonnie Sowers, Dave McKinney, Jeff and Laura Moore, Barbie Holland, John M, Nancy Companion, Jeff Birdsall, Sheree Yoder, Joseph Gilday, Bridget Norris, Joe Brookman, Margaret Cooper, Ed Robertson, Michael McPhail, Lucy Stowe, Betsy Pinder, Mason Allen, Kath, Kenny Crocker, Eli Sweeney, Don and Pat Brookman, Mike Mee, Patty Bumgarner, Crystal Radford, Grace Burnell, Freta Lamb, Joella, Abby, Bill Mee, Zach Perkins, Caleb Coates, Zeb Cope, Pete Stone, Karen Bowers, Kevin Lykins, Joe Ames, Nina Winfree, Ben Stanley, Susan Nichols, Buddy Carlisle.

Other Concerns: The Coronavirus; the tragedies occurring in our country and around the world; police officers and first responders; all who are grieving; our seniors; our church and the United Methodist Church; recovery from addiction; young adults needing a closer walk with Christ; those awaiting test results; healing for those in pain.

Nation and World: Our nation, leaders, military, deployed troops and their families.

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jerry Sowers in honor of his sons, Nathan and Phillip.

Announcements

Human Relations Day Offering: Today, is Human Relations Day. Our gifts are part of building community through faith-based volunteer programs that work with at-risk teens. Online giving at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

Blood Drive: Monday, 17 January, 2:00-7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall Please donate if you can. Volunteers are needed to greet donors. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Mary Levin Bible Study: Wednesday, January 19th, 6:30 PM, at Carol Hale's home.

The 2021 Giving Statements will be on the Information Counter next to the sanctuary January 2-30. Since these statements must be mailed, please be a good steward and pick up your copy by the 30th to save the cost of postage. Be sure to let me know if you have any questions about your statement. Kathann Montague, Financial Secretary, 757-722-8744, kdm8989@cox.net.

HELP Food Pantry Update: Food Pantry needs: Dried beans, juice, powdered milk, canned vegetables (please no green beans or corn—there is an abundance of both), cereal, pork and beans, Ramen, instant potatoes, jelly, canned fruit, canned meats (like Spam and Vienna Sausages), canned pasta meals, crackers, rice, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, snack items (single serve snack packs), bottled water, toilet paper, soap. The donations are delivered monthly. Contact person: Sherry Moore

Scriptures for 23 January: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

As of 16 January 2022

Sun.	16	9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook Human Relations Sunday
Mon.	17	2:00-7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive - *FH
Tues.	18	9:30 AM Chair Yoga – *FH 6:30 PM NA Meeting – *FH
Wed.	19	6:30 PM AA Meeting - *FH 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study at Carol Hale’s home
Thurs.	20	9:30 AM Chair Yoga 5:45 PM Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Fri.	21	
Sat.	22	
Sun.	23	9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook

*FH=Fellowship Hall

Worship Support

Laity	16 January 10:00 AM	23 January 10:00 AM
Ushers	Helen Cope/Vicky Moyer	Joyce D’Bene Donna Turley
Flowers	Jerry Sowers	Amy Stanley
Counters	Stephanie Eitzen/Renee Arnold	Stephanie Eitzen/Renee Arnold
CHURCH ATTENDANCE	Jan 9–34 In-Person/3 Zoom/35 Facebook	
OFFERING	Received: \$2,770.00 - Needed each week: \$4,878.00	

Secretary Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

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