

# Wesley United Methodist Church

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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 Gather and Spend Time with God Together

### Preparing your home for Worship

*Create a space that brings reminders of God's presence and love. Pitcher of water and bowl. Candle. Seasonal flowers. Picture. Bible. Cross. Make it a joyful and prayerful place. 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. Worshiping together as house churches in the model of Acts 2:46-47.*

### Welcome and Orientation

*Centering our attention on God's Holy Presence with our breath and senses.*

### Gathering Centering Music

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

### Call to Worship

**One:** Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life,  
**Many: touch us today...**

**One:** God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair,

**Many: reassure us today...**

**One:** Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,

**Many: place your mercy in our souls today...**

**One:** You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness,

**Many: pour out your spirit of power upon us today.**

**One:** Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness.

**Many: We confess our needs to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us.**

**May your name be glorified in us and through us.**

### Opening Hymn "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

UMH 333

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord O my  
Lord.

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray  
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray  
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna cry when the Spirit says moan  
I'm gonna cry when the Spirit says moan  
I'm gonna cry when the Spirit says moan  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout  
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout  
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord

## 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

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

### First Testament Reading

### Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.  
<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?  
<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
and gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord determines the number of the stars;  
and gives to all of them their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
whose understanding is beyond measure.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
**make melody upon the lyre to our God.**

<sup>8</sup> Who covers the heavens with clouds,  
prepares rain for the earth,  
makes grass grow upon the hills.

<sup>9</sup> **The Lord gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.**

<sup>10</sup> The Lord takes no delight in the might of a horse,  
nor pleasure in the strength of a runner.

<sup>11</sup> **but the LORD takes pleasure in the faithful,  
in those who hope in The Lord's steadfast love.**

<sup>12</sup> Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!

<sup>13</sup> **The Lord strengthens the bars of your gates;  
blesses your children in your midst.**

<sup>14</sup> makes peace in your borders; fills you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **The Lord sends forth commands to the earth;  
the word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> The Lord gives snow like wool;  
scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **casts forth ice like morsels;  
who can withstand its cold?**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord sends forth the word, and melts them;  
makes the wind blow, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **The Lord declares the word to Jacob,  
the statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> The Lord has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know God's ordinances.

**Praise the LORD!**

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## Special Music

### Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Meditation Service – A Restorative Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Responsive Hymn "O God of Every Nation" UMH 435

O God of every nation,  
of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation  
with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us,  
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and  
power and scorn of truth and  
right, from trust in bombs that  
shower destruction through  
the night, from pride of race and  
station and blindness to your  
way, deliver every nation,  
eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor  
that we may find release  
from fear of rattling saber,  
from dread of war's increase.  
When hope and courage falter,  
Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.

### **Faith Proclamation**

**All: The church is not a place; it is a people.**

**The church is not only a steeple above the treeline, streets, and cars. Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that we are here for the work of healing, of justice, of restoration.**

**The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by mortar, but rather person, linked with person, linked with person:  
all ages and genders and abilities—  
a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love.**

**The church is the commitment day after day, and moment after moment, of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of new experience and radical welcome.**

**The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences, and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts; gathering, however we can, to say to the world: welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.**

**For the church is us—each and every one of us—together, a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.**

## Singing our Faith and Prayers

### “There is a Balm in Gilead”

UMH 375

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sinsick soul.

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend,  
who, if you look for knowledge,  
he'll ne're refuse to lend.  
(Refrain)

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again.  
(Refrain)

3. If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus,  
and say he died for all.  
(Refrain)

## 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". (You are invited to 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.**

## Sharing Christ's Peace

*During this season of Spatial Distancing, practicing Christ's Peace is an witness of God's shalom. Cross your arms or press hands together at your heart, bow to your companion while keep eye contact. Offer this is similar greeting "The Christ in me greets the Christ in you. Abundant peace." Use your social media and phones to send Christ's peace into the world.*

## Offering

*Giving is a spiritual practice of our faith. Sharing God's Good News through mission and ministry continue even as we are physically separate. Keep 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).*

## **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.

You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through the prophets.

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

**People: 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.

Your Spirit anointed him  
to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.



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.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy 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.

**People: 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.**

## Sharing and Receiving the Bread and Cup

### 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      “A Charge to Keep I Have”      UMH 413

A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.

Arm me with jealous care,  
As in Thy sight to live;  
And O Thy servant, Lord,  
prepare a strict account to give!

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill:  
O may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will!

Help me to watch and pray,  
And on Thyself rely,  
Assured if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die.

### Blessing

**All: Lord, here we stand with the whole city gathered at our gate waiting for our Sunday celebrations to end, hoping that we will notice that there is a community beyond our gathering longing for healing, help and hope. As we rise from our knees, help us to worship and work with our eyes open. As we leave this gathering, remove the blinders from our hearts so that we might love and feel and even ache with our neighbors. When tomorrow comes, let worship continue to flow through our hands, testifying to your love and greatness. Amen.**

### Announcements and Fellowship

*Prayers and liturgies today can be found: Peter K. Perry posted on Richard Fairchild's Kir-shalom website; Rev. Margaret Weis posted on the Unitarian Universalist Association website; Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 28. All music used within CCLI#752546*

## Remember in our Prayers

**Concerns:** Ann Wilson, Billie Jean, Vicky Morgan, Liam (Chuck and Irene Lutes' grandson), Marge Edwards, Ariel Arus, Jim McKirdy, Ed Boyd, Mike Mee, Patty Bumgarner, Sheree, Crystal Radford, Tommy, Ron, Carol Beard, Joann Walsh, Grace Burnell, Freta Lamb, Joella, Joseph Gilday, Abby, Amber Stinson, Bill Mee, Zach Perkins, Caleb Coates, Ernie and Carolyn Taylor, Zeb Cope, Nancy Bellan, Ramona Gemeinhart, Pete Stone, Karen Bowers, Janice Crumpton, Jeff Birdsall, Kevin Lykins, Joe Ames, Nina Winfree, Barbara Greene, Ben Stanley, Susan Nichols, Jo and Buddy Carlisle.

**Other Concerns:** All teachers and students returning to the classroom, 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 entire 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:** Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** **02/07** Kathy Stumpf;  
**02/10** Kimberly Morris; **02/13** Sylvia Krisnow

*We at Wesley are glad you are here and invite you to worship with us often. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider Wesley. Pastor Gretchen would be happy to talk with you about it.*

## Announcements

**Leadership Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

### Counters for January/February

February 7 – Mary Saylor/Amy Stanley

February 14 and 21 – Becky Morris/Stephanie Eitzen

February 28 and March 7 – Clyde Gumbert /Donna Turley

**HELP Food Pantry Update:** The Food Pantry is well stocked, but there is still a need for **powdered milk and fruit juices (individual packs or regular plastic containers)**. The donations are delivered monthly. Contact person: Sherry Moore

**Scriptures for February 14:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

*As of 7 February 2021*

Sun.	07	10:00 AM <b>Live Stream Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook</b>
Mon.	08	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b>
Tues.	09	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b> 6:30 PM <b>Leadership Board Meeting via Zoom</b>
Wed.	10	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b>
Thurs.	11	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b>
Fri.	12	
Sat.	13	
Sun.	14	10:00 AM <b>Live Stream Sunday Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook</b>

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE** January 31: 37 on Zoom, 42 on Facebook  
**OFFERING** Received: \$1,420.00      Needed each week: \$4,878.00

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