

Wesley United Methodist Church

May 1, 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

Gather and Spend Time with God Together

Preparing Your Home for Worship

Create a space that brings reminders of God's covenant faithfulness in resurrection. Candles. Colorful flowers. Pictures. Fill your space with visuals for the Easter season - celebrating resurrection.

Gather & spend time with God together—“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

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: Kindred siblings. If you lift your net and it is empty,
Many: come here! We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
Many: Come here! We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

One: If your life is filled with mourning,
Many: come here! Christ is leading a dance of joy.

One: Come here, sisters and brothers!
Many: To give blessing and honor and glory to God

Opening Hymn “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH 304

[v1] Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music let it ring. Alleluia. Alleluia. Easter people let us sing.

[v2] Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below, for our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia. Alleluia. On to victory now we go.

[v3] Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. || Alleluia. Alleluia. See the power of heavenly throngs.

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 & Response

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Special Music

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Mediation “Jesus’ Campfire Breakfast” Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Faith Response – Every day is Easter

One: When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free

Many: it was Easter day

One: When Peter’s three “yes’s” to Jesus finished his three denials

Many: it was Easter day

One: When Mary ready to embalm the dead ran in fear from the empty tomb

Many: it was Easter day

One: When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast of fish on the beach

Many: it was Easter day

One: When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and the breaking of bread with strangers

Many: it was Easter day

One: When Paul was blinded by the light and recognized the voice niggling in his head

Many: it was Easter day

One: When the hungry are fed at the table the same table as the rich

Many: it is Easter day

One: When weapons are beaten to ploughshares and peace is a word to be shouted

Many: it is Easter day

One: When the stranger is welcomed in community and the lonely are restored to relationship

Many: it is Easter day...

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

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.

Receiving Bread & 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!

Easter Praise

“Step by Step”

[V1] Oh God You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
Oh God You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

[V2] I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways; And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

Blessing and Commission

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love, bless your eyes and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your Eyes and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.

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 in the Fellowship Hall

*Prayers and liturgies today: Rev. Quentin Chin. Posted on:
www.uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14.pdf Roddy
Hamilton,
<http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>
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The Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cynthia Campbell.

Remember in our Prayers

Concerns: Wayne and Judy, Carolyn Ellington, Jackie Phillips, Frank Fishburn, Jeremy Knight, Sam, Carol Hale, Wanda, Robin Welch, Charlie, Ben Stanley, Erik and Ian Waters, DeJohn, Lindsay Warf, Marion Stone, Bill Lauder, Craig Savage, Baby Grayson, Todd Stern, Jonnie Sowers, Jeff and Laura Moore, Barbie Holland, John M, Nancy Companion, Jeff Birdsall, Sheree Yoder, Joseph Gilday, Bridget Norris, 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, Nina Winfree, 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: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Birthdays/Anniversaries: 05/02 Bill Blocker

Announcements

Mary Levin Bible Study: Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, at Pat Fitzgerald's home.

Today is Native American Ministries Sunday (offering):

This Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds collected allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to develop local ministries. The Conference Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM) administers these funds. To donate online: ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, May 9, 200-7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Please donate if you can. Volunteer help is needed to greet donors as they arrive. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact: Sylvia Krisnow

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 8 May: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

As of 1 May 2022

Sun.	01	9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom and Facebook
Mon.	02	7:00 PM Metal Detector Club Meeting - *FH
Tues.	03	9:30 AM Chair Yoga – *FH 6:30 PM NA Meeting – *FH 7:00 PM SAA Meeting – Double Classroom
Wed.	04	6:30 PM AA Meeting - *FH 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study at Pat Fitzgerald’s
Thurs.	05	9:30 AM Chair Yoga 5:45 PM Men’s Bible Study – Double Classroom 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - *FH 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Fri.	06	*FH=Fellowship Hall
Sat.	07	
Sun.	08	Mother’s Day—9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook

Worship Support

Laity	1 May 10:00 AM	8 May 10:00 AM
Fellowship	Nancy Gumbert	
Ushers	Pat Fitzgerald	Ray/Sylvia Krisnow
Counters	Amy Stanley/Mary Saylor	Mary Saylor/Stephanie Eitzen
Flowers	Cynthia Campbell	Mother's Day Roses
CHURCH ATTENDANCE	<u>April 24</u> —46 In-Person/1 Zoom/22 Facebook	
OFFERING	Received: \$2,846.00 - Needed each week: \$4,878.00	

Secretary Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. **Phone:** 757-838-3044; **Address:** 2510 N. Armistead Avenue, Hampton VA 23666-1506; **Pastor Gretchen Nelson:** Cell Phone 804-896 -6785; email: gretchennelson@vaumc.org