

Wesley United Methodist Church

June 20, 2021



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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 & Heart for Worship

Create a space that brings reminders of God's presence. Candles. Colorful flowers. Pictures. Fill your space with reminders of Pentecost. 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.

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: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.

Many: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.

One: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

Many: Strength is turning a cheek.

One: Strength is loving an enemy.

ALL: We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

Opening Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” FWS 2191

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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.

Gratitude & Blessing for Father's Day

We give thanks today...

For fathers who showed up, played and danced, ran and twirled, taught and learned;

For fathers who kissed boo-boos and held us in strong arms when we were weak;

For fathers who believed in us and trusted us with our own futures, even as they taught us how best to live;

For fathers who exhibited the very best of what it means to be men, and tossed aside toxic masculinity in favor of a strength in love and empathy;

For fathers who had high standards, yet deep compassion;

For fathers who taught us rules to live by, and with integrity lived by these rules themselves;

For fathers who protected us and sought after our welfare;

For fathers who were never related to us by blood or by law but stood in as a father figure;

For fathers who were not always present but by grace came back into our lives.

Proclamation and Response- Acts 2:46

“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...”

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet

not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

Special Music

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41 (MSG)

Late that day he said to them, “Let’s go across to the other side.” They took him in the boat as he was. Other boats came along. A huge storm came up. Waves poured into the boat, threatening to sink it. And Jesus was in the stern, head on a pillow, sleeping! They roused him, saying, “Teacher, is it nothing to you that we’re going down?” ³⁹⁻⁴⁰ Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, “Quiet! Settle down!” The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded the disciples: “Why are you such cowards? Don’t you have any faith at all?”

⁴¹ They were in absolute awe, staggered. “Who is this, anyway?” they asked. “Wind and sea at his beck and call!”

Meditation

Formidable

Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Faith Response

Our Small Difference

One: We may not be able to confront queens, or challenge presidents; we may not have the capacity to divert resources, or uplift communities; we may not have the voice to silence the noise of war, or the words to negotiate peace between armies;

Many: but we, as we follow you, O Christ, are able to do something.

One: And so, we pray that you would inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make: May we bring peace

Many: through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;

One: may we bring wealth

Many: through small contributions and collaborations of generosity;

One: may we bring safety

Many: through small acts of consideration and acceptance;

One: may we bring wholeness

Many: through small acts of care and service.

One: And in the small ways, O God, may our small difference make a big contribution to your saving work in our world.

Sharing Christ's Peace

During this season of Spatial Distancing, practicing Christ's Peace is a witness of God's shalom. Cross your arms or press hands together at your heart, bow to your companion while keeping 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).

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.

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation to Christ's Table

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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 for ever.

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

“He Leadeth Me”

UMH 128

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Blessing and Commission

Announcements

Highlights from the bulletin, newsletter, website, and emails. Please take time to read them all throughout the week for discipleship opportunities.

Postlude

Fellowship online and outdoors.

Prayers and liturgies today: Katherine Hawker, 1997.

<http://liturgyoutside.net/> Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA www.fbcmartinsville.com

John van de Laar. Sacredise.com All music used within CCLI#752546

Remember in our Prayers

Concerns: Betsy Pinder, Madison Breder, The Dale family, Kelsie and AJ, Donna Page, Mason Allen, Matthew Swartz, Kath, Kenny Crocker, Rosemary Parks, Eli Sweeney, Don and Pat Brookman, Mike Mee, Patty Bumgarner, Crystal Radford, Tommy, Ron, Carol Beard, Joann Walsh, Grace Burnell, Freta Lamb, Joella, Joseph Gilday, Abby, Amber Stinson, Bill Mee, Zach Perkins, Caleb Coates, Zeb Cope, Ramona Gemeinhart, Pete Stone, Karen Bowers, Janice Crumpton, Jeff Birdsall, Kevin Lykins, Joe Ames, Nina Winfree, Ben Stanley, Susan Nichols, Jo and 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 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: Malawi, Zambia

Birthdays/Anniversaries: **06/20** John Taylor,
06/21 Josh Fitzgerald; **06/23** Jon Morris, Marty Ammerman;
06/24 Page Goodwin; **06/25** Joe/Marsha Ames (1983)



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carol Hale to celebrate Lillian's 17th birthday.

Announcements

Take time today to celebrate the ministry of you, the laity, with a worship service from the Annual Conference. Premiering at 11 AM today on the conference stream. Available later on the conference website.

Today we give thanks to God in honor and memory of our fathers. Take time today to pray for and with these fathers in your life. Consider how to offer blessings in gratitude through actions of service and compassion.

4th of July Breakfast: On Sunday, July 4th, at 9:00 AM, we will have a breakfast in the picnic shelter prior to the 10:00 AM Worship Service. **Please bring a breakfast item to share, serving utensils and choice of beverage.** Plates, napkins and plastic ware will be provided. The kitchen remains closed due to COVID restrictions.

Counters:

June 20 & 27 – Amy Stanley/Becky Morris

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 June 27: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

As of 20 June 2021

Sun.	20	10:00 AM Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook
Mon.	21	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Tues.	22	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Wed.	23	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Thurs.	24	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Fri.	25	
Sat.	26	
Sun.	27	10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	<u>June 13</u> 48 In-Person 25 on Facebook	
OFFERING	Received: \$3,045.00	Needed each week: \$4,878.00

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