

# Wesley United Methodist Church

*July 5, 2020*

*to me, and who are  
Come weary  
and  
burdened,  
and I shall give  
you rest.  
Matthew 11: 28*

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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. Bright candle. Colorful 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, start to pay attention to your breath as a gift from God. Pray.*

### Welcome and Orientation

#### Gathering Centering Music

*Let the music fill your hearts and spirits as you come to recognize God's presence welcoming you in love.*

#### Call to Worship

One: People of God, Siblings in Christ, friends --

**Many: come and worship!**

One: Even if you're tired and worn out—

**Many: come and worship!**

One: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—

**Many: come and worship!**

One: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—

**Many: come and worship!**

One: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you—

**Many: come and worship!**

One: For Jesus is humble and gentle,

**Many: and he will give us everything we need to follow him.**

#### Opening Prayer (based on Romans 6:12-23)

**God of grace, You have brought us from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from death to life! Holy is Your name! We gather together in Your presence with gratitude and praise for all that You have done for us. May the presence of Your Holy Spirit inspire our worship. May our words and music, our thoughts and prayers, even our very lives, bring honour and glory to You. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection have brought us everlasting life. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“America the Beautiful”

UMH 696

1 O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace  
on thee, and crown thy good with  
brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

2 O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife, who more than self  
their country loved, and mercy more

than life! America! America! May God  
thy gold refine, till all success be  
nobleness, and every gain divine.

3 O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine  
every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-  
control, thy liberty in law.

## Glory Sightings

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

## Break Bread

### Blessing the Meal

### Breaking Open the Word with Scripture

#### Epistle Reading

#### Galatians 5:13-26

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;<sup>[a]</sup> only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,<sup>[b]</sup> but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy,<sup>[c]</sup> drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

**Psalter**                      **Psalm 45:10-17**                      **(read from the Bible)**

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;

forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

<sup>12</sup> the people<sup>[a]</sup> of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,

the richest of the people <sup>13</sup> with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> in many-colored robes she is led to the king;

behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along

as they enter the palace of the king.

<sup>16</sup> In the place of ancestors you, O king,<sup>[c]</sup> shall have sons;

you will make them princes in all the earth.

<sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;

therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

**Special Music**

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

<sup>16</sup> "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a

demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,

'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank<sup>[a]</sup> you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the

intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me

by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Meditation**

**Yoked**

***Pastor Gretchen Nelson***

## Responsive Hymn “O Come and Dwell in Me” UMH 388

O come and dwell in me,  
Spirit of power within,  
And bring the glorious liberty  
From sorrow, fear, and sin.

Hasten the joyful day  
Which shall my sins consume,  
When old things shall be done  
away,  
And all things new become.

I want the witness, Lord,  
That all I do is right,  
According to Thy mind and  
Word,  
Well pleasing in Thy sight.

I ask no higher state;  
Indulge me but in this,  
And soon or later then translate  
To Thine eternal bliss.

## Action Response

### Breaking 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).*

## Prayers for Our Nation

**Pastor:** Gracious God of love,

**People:** we are grateful that you have revealed yourself to us, each of us loved by you as children, each of us precious in your sight, each of us a reflection of you, each of us bound together by love, which is in fact your presence among us.

**Pastor:** We come to you, O God, weary and carrying heavy burdens.

**People:** Some of us bear the yoke of illness; some of us bear the yoke of loss and grief; some of us bear the yoke of caring for those who cannot care for themselves; some of us bear the yoke of unemployment or underemployment; some of us bear the yoke of hunger; some of us bear the yoke of homelessness; some of us bear the yoke of oppression or marginalization; some of us bear the yoke of violence; some of us bear the yoke of anger; some of us bear the yoke of depression; some of us bear the yoke of addiction.

**Pastor:** From these and from so many other yokes, dear God,

**People:** we pray for rest; we pray healing; we pray for release; we pray for wholeness.

**Pastor:** On this national holiday weekend, we recognize that our nation also bears many burdens:

**People:** we don't trust or agree on our leaders; we cannot find ways to work together for the common good; we allow the least among us to suffer and languish; we lose our children to endless conflicts and wars; we fixate on what divides us rather than on what brings us together as one people.

**Pastor:** Remind us this weekend of our calling. Remind us of our common creed

**People:** that all people are created equal.

**Pastor:** Inspire us to ensure that all of your children

**People:** enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**Pastor:** Help us to be profoundly grateful for our freedom,

**People:** to never take these gifts for granted, and to use them for the betterment of all.

**Pastor:** God of all life, may peace and justice fill our land and, indeed, the whole world.

**People:** We pray this morning for the ongoing tension and violence in our communities, and for places around the globe where people are victimized, where safety is threatened, where freedoms are denied, where life is treated as anything less than sacred.

**Pastor:** Gracious God, grant us the yoke of Christ, binding us together, tethered by your love, guided by your presence, bringing your kingdom into this world. It is for this kingdom that we now pray, using the words Jesus taught us.

## 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 Spacial Distancing, practicing Christ's Peace is a witness of God's shalom. Cross your arms or press hands together at your heat, bow to your companion while keeping eye contact. Offer this similar greeting "The Christ in me greets the Christ in you. Abundant peace."*

## Praise God!

## 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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of wisdom and all good gifts: We bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, remembering that, like Abraham, you have blessed us to be a blessing to others. Remind us this morning that the gift of freedom that comes to Christ is also a gift not to be kept but to be shared. Even as the world asserts that freedom is a ticket to "go our own way," you made us free to be part of Christ's body in the world, connected and interdependent. May the way we live and the way we give reflect that kind of freedom. In Christ's blessed name, we pray. Amen. (Galatians 5:1, 13-26)**

## Hymn of Praise “This is My Song”

UMH 437

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
this is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms; Thy kingdom  
come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall  
serve him, and hearts untied learn to live as one. O hear my prayer ,  
thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

## Have Goodwill

### Passing the Grace of God

*Together let's send this worship energy we have experienced out to the world that needs it! What message does the world need? Perhaps you will decide to create a way to let more and more people know the message of Christ, “You are not alone. I am here. Peace be with you.” What can we do to create more peace in our household, in our family, in our relationships with those we cannot be with right now? How can we offer peace to those who are working hard right now? How can we offer peace to those who feel no peace or comfort? Where will we go and take action with God's love? Make your own plan today.*

### Blessing

*Prayers and liturgies today attributed to: Christine Longhurst; re:Worship.com; UMC Discipleship Resources; Rev. John W. Vest, Posted at johnvest.com. All music used in relationship with Livestream CCLI#752546*



## Remember in our Prayers

**Concerns:** Bruce and Shanon, Camden, Dylan, Ed Boyd, Freta Lamb, Pauline Desclos, Tracy Jacobs, Cindi Rezabek, Judi Hines, Joella, Elaina, Richard Cooper, Marty Ammerman, Sylvia Santacruz, Joseph Gilday, Jerry McReynolds, Abby, Amber Stinson, Scarlet, Danny Mitchell, Bill Mee, Zach Perkins, Caleb Coates, Ernie and Carolyn Taylor, Lynnette Scalzi, Lizzie Dorschel, Jonnie Sowers, Zeb Cope, Ray Krisnow, Ramona Gemeinhart, Dennis Rosier, Pete Stone, Karen Bowers, Janice Crumpton, Jeff Birdsall, Kevin Lykins, Joe Ames, Jim McKirdy, Nina Winfree, Barbara Greene, 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:** Eritrea, Ethiopia

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** 07/05 Patsy Morrison;  
07/08 Chris and Anne Companion (2000); 07/10 Linda Boyd

*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

**The Second Quarter Giving Statements** are now ready. You can see your giving statements online at <https://onrealm.org/WesleyUnitedMet/SignIn>. If you want me to mail or email your statement to you, just let me know. Kathann Montague, Financial Secretary, 757-722-8744, [kdm8989@cox.net](mailto:kdm8989@cox.net)

**Nightly Prayer** on Facebook Live, Monday-Friday, 7:00 PM.

**Summer Sessions led by Pastor Gretchen:** Sundays at 4:00PM, on Zoom. Links and topics will be emailed each week.

**Scriptures for July 12:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119 or Psalm 25; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Week of 5 July 2020*

Sun.	05	10:00 AM <b>Live Stream Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook</b> 4:00 PM <b>Summer Session on Zoom</b>
Mon.	06	7:00 PM <b>Prayer Time –Facebook</b>
Tues.	07	7:00 PM <b>Prayer Time –Facebook</b>
Wed.	08	7:00 PM <b>Prayer Time –Facebook</b>
Thurs.	09	7:00 PM <b>Prayer Time –Facebook</b>
Fri.	10	7:00 PM <b>Prayer Time –Facebook</b>
Sun.	12	10:00 AM <b>Live Stream Sunday Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook</b> 4:00 PM <b>Summer Session on Zoom</b>

*Worship Support*

<b>OFFERING</b>	General Fund: Received: \$2,962.00– Needed each week: \$4,876.00
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