

# Wesley United Methodist Church

*September 12, 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

### 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.*

### Gather and 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 – Based on Psalm 19

**One:** The heavens are telling the glory of God

**Many:** **May our worship reflect God's glory.**

**One:** The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Many:** **May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

**One:** Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**Many:** **We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

**One:** With Christians across geography and across time,

**Many:** **let us worship!**

### Opening Hymn “Where He Leads Me” UMH 338 st. 1 & 4

1 I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.

Refrain:

Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

4 He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
And go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain:

Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

## Remembering 9/11, a Confession

**ALL:** God our hope and refuge, we confess that anger and hatred have held on to us.

**Healing has begun, but loss is still real.**

**We are not in control.**

**We dont like being vulnerable.**

**We still want security or the illusion of it.**

**We still want our enemies to be annihilated  
and for our lives to return to safety and Shalom.**

**Forgive us and heal us.**

**Raise us to new life.**

**Strengthen us in the way of compassion and justice.**

**Fix our faith on you so we know that nothing can separate  
us from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Moment of Silence

### Remembering 9/11, Litany and Healing

**One:** We remember, God of history and remembrance, we remember.

**Many:** We remember when the towers fell and the lives were lost; we remember the dust and the smoke, the despair, and the grief.

**One:** We remember that sense of vulnerability and shock. We remember the numbness that overwhelmed us as we watched our screens for hours and hours, waiting for an explanation and understanding that never came.

**Many:** We remember.

**One:** We remember, God of hope and presence, we remember. We remember the heroes, those who rushed to help, who guided the wounded down innumerable flights of stairs, who rose to overwhelm those who held death in their hands. We remember the hours and the days of binding wounds and healing hurts, giving comfort, drying tears. We remember words of support and compassion from nations far and wide.

**Many:** We remember.

**One:** We remember in part because we see the ripples of that tragic day continue to impact our world twenty years later. We grieve with allies today as our allies grieved with us twenty years ago. And together we wonder if there will ever be an end . . . to violence, to war, to hatred, to death.

**Many:** We remember and we grieve our world's inability to learn the things that lead to peace.

**One:** We call to you now in our remembrance, God of justice and of peace. Give us a will to truly pray that your kin-dom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

**Many:** **May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic Act, May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.**

**May we give comfort to those who live with loss.**

**May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us.**

**One:** On this day of solemn remembrance:

**Many:** **May we build what has been torn down.**

**May we mend what has been broken.**

**May we live your love when hate seems to reign.**

**May we bear witness to your holy peace-making. Amen.**

### **Sung Response**

### **“Kyrie”**

**FWS 2275**

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison,  
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison,  
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

### **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**

#### **First Testament Reading**

**Proverbs 1:20-33**

- <sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.  
<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  
<sup>22</sup> “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?  
<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.  
<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel

and would have none of my reproof,  
<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,  
<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
<sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

## Gospel Reading

**Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

## Special Music

### Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Meditation**      **Wisdom Speaks**      **Pastor Gretchen Nelson**

**Faith Response (inspired by Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-30)**

**One:** Who Do You Say I Am?

**All:** Lord Jesus, You are a Lord who walks beside your people. So we pray for people who walk for justice.

You are a Lord who raises up those who are bent low.

So we pray for those held down by the grindings of life and the indifference of the world.

You are a Lord who feeds the hungry. So we pray for all who long for bread and the means to provide it.

You are a Lord who celebrates the small and the insignificant. So we pray for the children and for those who are never noticed.

You are a Lord who says 'Follow me'.

So we pray for courage and faith in our hearts that we may take up the cross and find it leads to life.

## 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". (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

### 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 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” UMH 664**

1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Service is ended. O now be extended The fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race. With Your grace You feed us, With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and that name that we bear.

### **Blessing & Commission**

**One:** Jesus stands and asks: “Who do you say I am?”

**Many: We join millions who have gone before and say: “the Messiah”**

**One:** Jesus stands in front of us and tells us the realities of Discipleship.

**Many:** We join millions who have gone before  
in the challenges of living as disciples.

**One:** Jesus stands before us and offers food and drink for the  
journey. Fed and nourished,

**Many:** we go out into the world to live and serve.

**One:** Jesus stands before us, shining in glory, and will be with us to  
the end of the age.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **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](http://www.hamptonwesley.org)

### **Postlude**

#### **Fellowship online and outdoors**

*Prayers and liturgies today:* Jesus Sets the Table, resources by the  
United Church of Christ, posted on their Worship Ways website.

UMC Discipleship Ministries [ChristianAid//www.christianaid.org.uk/](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/)

Rev Gord, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

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### **Remember in our Prayers**

**Concerns:** Sheree Yoder, Nolan Bensted, Joseph Gilday, Justin  
Gilday, Bridget Norris, Danny Brookman, Joe Brookman, Sharon  
Faville, Margaret Cooper, Ed Robertson, Michael McPhail, Lucy  
Stowe, Betsy Pinder, Mason Allen, Matthew Swartz, Kath, Kenny  
Crocker, Eli Sweeney, Don and Pat Brookman, Mike Mee, Patty  
Bumgarner, Crystal Radford, Carol Beard, Joann Walsh, Grace  
Burnell, Freta Lamb, Joella, 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:** Ghana, Nigeria

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** **09/12** Donna Kennedy;  
**09/13** Joey Scalzi; **09/15** Burrell Taylor; **09/16** Zach Ames;  
**09/17** Lori Roberson; **09/18** Carolyn Gallae



**The flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Helen Cope in honor of her husband, Zeb's, birthday.

### **Announcements**

#### **20 years since 9/11**

This weekend marks a milestone remembrance in our nation. Around the world people are pausing to honor lives lost in a tragic event of terror. That day changed us all and changed the world we live in. Today in worship we remember, we pray, we sit together in silence with all those families and communities and our own hearts broken by acts of extreme violence. By this same practice we also profess our faith in the ongoing work of the Lord. On those same days; God stilled our lives, brought us together in mourning, offered hope in presence, and reminded us of the goodness of people through so many generous acts of kindness. Violence has not gone away and fear still drives acts of hate. Yet today we witness to the incarnate God who dwells with us in every moment to grow us all beyond our fears, from death into life. In remembering the tragedy of 20 years ago we also claim the ongoing work of God to reconcile and make new. May healing continue to flow through all the brokenness wrought on that day. May no one anywhere ever again know such terror. May God's full shalom embrace the world with transforming compassion. Live today to share hope and build peace.

### **WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**

#### Today

In-person **Sunday School** for all ages - 9 AM

In-person **Worship** - 10 AM

You are also invited to worship on Zoom or Facebook Live if you prefer.

**Fellowship** with light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

COVID-19 mitigation measures remain in place; masks may be removed around the dining tables.

Please join us and do invite a guest!

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Monday, September 13, 2-7PM, Fellowship Hall – Please donate if you can. Volunteers are needed to greet donors as they arrive. Contacts: Ed and Linda Boyd

**Leadership Board Meeting on Zoom:** Tuesday, Sep 14, 6:30 PM

**Mary Levin Bible Study:** Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Carol Hale’s home, 40 N. Greenfield Ave.

**A Fellowship Supper** is scheduled for Sunday evening, September 19, 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wesley’s own Vicky Moyer will share about her youth growing up in Viet Nam under a Communist regime. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a time of “catching up” with each other, good food, and learning.

**Sages Luncheon:** Wednesday, September 22, **12:30 PM** (please note new time), Park Lane Tavern of Hampton, Peninsula Town Center. All are welcome. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

**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, sauce, snack items (single-serve snack packs), toilet paper, soap. The donations are delivered monthly. Contact person: Sherry Moore

**Scriptures for September 19:** Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

***As of 12 September 2021***

Sun.	12	9:00 AM <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook</b>
Mon.	13	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b> 2:00-7:00 PM <b>Red Cross Blood Drive - *FH</b>
Tues.	14	9:30 AM <b>Chair Yoga – *FH</b> 5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b> 6:30 PM <b>NA Meeting – *FH</b> 6:30 PM <b>Leadership Board Meeting via Zoom</b>
Wed.	15	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b>

		7:00 PM <i>Mary Levin Bible Study at Carol Hale's home</i>
Thurs.	16	5:00 PM <b>Prayer Time on Facebook</b> 9:30 AM <i>Chair Yoga – *FH</i>
Fri.	17	
Sat.	18	
Sun.	19	9:00 AM <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM <i>Sunday Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook</i> 6:00 PM <i>Fellowship Supper – *FH</i>

\*FH=Fellowship Hall

### *Worship Support*

<b>Laity</b>	<b>5 September</b>	<b>12 September</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>		Pat Fitzgerald Joyce D'Bene
<b>Ushers</b>	Vicky Moyer Kathann Montague	David and Susan Brookman
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Saylor/Zach Eitzen	Pat Fitzgerald/Becky Morris
<b>Flowers</b>	Amy Stanley	Helen Cope
<b>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</b>	<u>August 29</u> 33 In-Person 10 on Zoom 57 on Facebook	
<b>OFFERING</b>	Received: \$6,178.00	Needed each week: \$4,878.00

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