

# Wesley United Methodist Church

*October 25, 2020*  
*11:30 AM*  
*Outdoor In-Person*



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## Order of Worship – 11:30 A.M. Service Gather Together

### Preparing for Worship

Outdoor In-Person: Bring a chair. Wear a mask. Bring your order of worship. Bring elements for communion (prepackaged will be provided). Dress casual and comfortable for the weather. Pray.

### 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/Centering our Praise

(inspired by Genesis 22:1-14; Micah 6:8; Deuteronomy 6:5)

**One:** What does the Lord require of you?

**Many:** **To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

**One:** What does God command of us?

**Many:** **To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**One:** God does not call us to ease or to prosperity.

**Many:** **God calls us to presence, and abundance,  
and grace in our struggle.**

**One:** Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Many:** **Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
and will be beside us every step of the way.**

### Opening Praise “Jesus, Name Above All Names” FWS 2071

*All are invited to express their praise through humming, movement, or instruments if you have one.*

### Proclamation and Response

#### Epistle Reading

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

**2** You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

### **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 22:34-46**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah?<sup>[a]</sup> Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?” <sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**Meditation**

**Speechless**

**Pastor Gretchen Nelson**

### **Invitation to Christ’s Table**

#### **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 heart, bow to your companion while keeping eye contact. Offer this 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 Thanksgiving and Praise

*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.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

*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".*

## 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

### The Great Thanksgiving

*"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*

### Sharing and Receiving Bread and Cup

#### Praise God

#### \*Hymn of Praise

#### "Pass It On"

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*All are invited to express their praise through humming, movement, or instruments if you have one.*

#### \*Blessing for Action

**One:** In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"

**ALL:** We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"

**One:** In a world that wants us to hate the other...

**ALL:** We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God.

**Love your neighbour, as you love yourself."**

**One:** In a world that radicalizes...

**ALL:** We, too, will be radical.

**Radical with our hospitality.**

**Radical with our hope.**

**Radical with our love.**

**One:** Let us depart together and worship God,

**ALL:** ready to be who we are called to be.