

Wesley United Methodist Church

October 25, 2020



Go to <http://www.hamptonwesley.org/> for order of service
with scripture and words to the songs.

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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. 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 not used for worship, start to pay attention to your breath as a gift from God. Pray. Worshiping together as house churches in the model of Acts 2:46-47.

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

(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 Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” UMH 117

1 Our God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
a our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
nightbefore the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guide while life shall
last, and our eternal Home.

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.

Generosity Moment

Proclamation and Response

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread a home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts....” Acts 2:46

First Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² 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. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ 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. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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.

Special Music

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

Responsive Hymn “A Charge to Keep I Have” UMH 413

1. A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill:
Oh, may it all my pow'rs
engage
To do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O Thy servant, Lord,
prepare
A strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

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.

Invitation to Christ's Table**Confession and Assurance****Prayer of Brokenness/Confession**

Almighty God, we confess that we have taken Your Commandments and turned them into rules. We have criticized those who have fallen short and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to understand the spirit of the Commandments and the Way that was shown by You to live, loving God and loving our neighbors. Forgive us for turning Your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead of a Way to love and freedom in You. In the name of Christ, who has given us the Way and leads us on, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You are loved.
Love is the Way.
When you love God, you love others.
When you truly lay down your life for others,
you lay down your life for God.
Give yourself to God by serving others.
Know that in God's love there is forgiveness,
healing, and reconciliation. 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 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

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).

Thanksgiving and Communion

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. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the 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. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

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.

Pastor: 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 Bread and Cup

Praise God

Hymn of Praise “Take My Life, and Let it Be” UMH 399

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them
move At the impulse of Thy
love. Take my feet and let them
be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt
choose.
2. Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
3. Take my will and make it
Thine, It shall be no longer
mine. Take my heart, it is Thine
own, It shall be Thy royal
throne. Take my love, my Lord,
I pour At Thy feet its treasure
store. Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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.

Prayers and liturgies today can be found: Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational posted on sermonizing.wordpress.com; Richard Bott posted on iturgy.richardbott.com; Rev. Mindi posted on rev-o-lution.org; all music used within CCLI#752546

Remember in our Prayers

Concerns: Bob and Bonnie, Kimberly Morris, Patty Bumgarner, Sheree, Crystal Radford, Tommy, Ron, Mr. Fennell, Carol Beard, Marty Ammerman, Joann Walsh, Cameron Glandon, Michael Dunkailo, Grace Burnell, Dianna, Bruce and Shanon, Camden, Dylan, Freta Lamb, Joella, Joseph Gilday, Abby, Amber Stinson, Bill Mee, Zach Perkins, Caleb Coates, Ernie and Carolyn Taylor, Lynnette Scalzi, Zeb Cope, Nancy Bellan, Ray Krisnow, Ramona Gemeinhart, Dennis Rosier, Pete Stone, Karen Bowers, Janice Crumpton, Jeff Birdsall, Kevin Lykins, Joe Ames, Nina Winfree, Barbara Greene, Ben Stanley, Susan Nichols, Jo and Buddy Carlisle.

Other Concerns: All teachers and students returning to the classroom, 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: Canada, United States of America

Birthdays/Anniversaries: **10/26** Patrick Gale Wentz IV (little Patrick); **10/27** Bud D'Bene; **10/31** Dale Stumpf

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

Wesley's Charge Conference on Zoom: Today, 3:00-4:00 PM.
Zoom link via email.

October Counter Schedule:
25 October – Helen Cope/Becky Morris

H.E.L.P. Food Pantry: Thank you for your continued donations to the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry. They are grateful for all nonperishable food.

Current needs are: canned peas, canned baked beans, canned fruit and powdered milk. Donations are delivered monthly. Contact person: Sherry Moore

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

Newsletter for November: Deadline is October 28th. Please send your articles to Nancy Gumbert.

Scriptures for November 1: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Week of 25 October 2020

Sun.	25	10:00 AM Live Stream Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook 11:30 AM Outdoor In-Person Worship – Picnic Shelter 3:00 PM Wesley’s Charge Conference on Zoom
Mon.	26	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Tues.	27	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Wed.	28	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook Newsletter Deadline
Thurs.	29	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Fri.	30	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Sun.	01	10:00 AM Live Stream Sunday Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook 11:30 AM Outdoor In-Person Worship – Picnic Shelter

OFFERING	Received: \$3,077.00– Needed each week: \$4,876.00
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