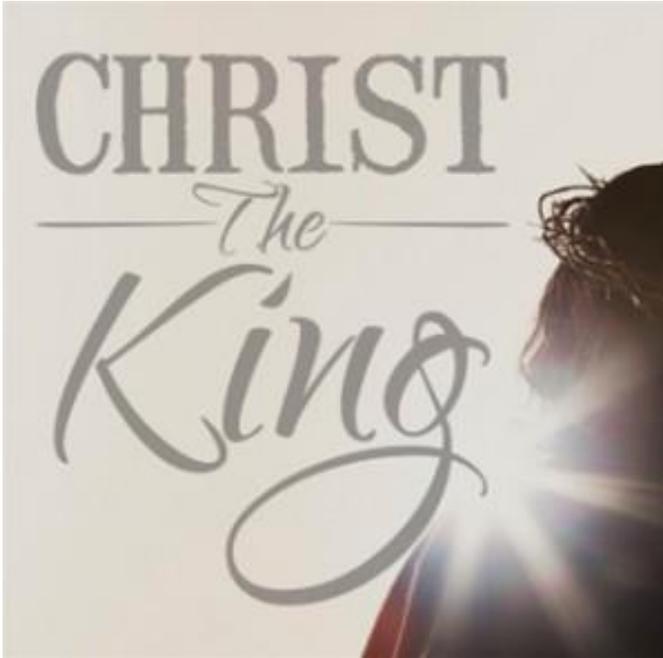


Wesley United Methodist Church

November 22, 2020



Gretchen Nelson, Pastor
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Members of Wesley, Ministers

**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.

Christ the King

Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday is an opportunity to be reminded who is the one we have chosen to follow. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the author of salvation and the one who has given us the gift of the church, the fellowship of the body that we celebrate each time we gather in person and online. This last Sunday of the Christian year is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus and the completion of creation.

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

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

Many: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

Many: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

One: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

Many: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies website.

Opening Hymn “We Gather Together”

UMH 131

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine
So from the beginning the fight we were winning
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be
Let thy congregation escape tribulation
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Glory Sightings

Witness to God’s faithfulness and love in the world. You are invited to share where you witnessed good news. Raise a hand, write in the Facebook Comments, add into Zoom Chat.

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep

and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Psalter

Psalms 100

UMH 821

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands.

² **Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing!**

³ Know that the LORD, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God
the sheep of God's pasture**

⁴ Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless God's name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Special Music

“Come Before Him”

The Gumberts

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[a] toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God^[b] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Meditation

Lord, when...?

Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Responsive Hymn

“Together We Serve”

FWS 2175

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Affirmation of Faith (inspired by Matthew 25:16-20, Matthew 9:35-38)

I believe in a God who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.

I believe in Jesus Christ who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love.

**I believe in the harvest and the call for laborers to receive
And respond, sharing light and life with the world.**

Amen. ~ submitted by Tim Tate, Lead Pastor,

Warrenton UMC. Posted on www.warrentonumc.org

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

All: God of love, you created us to love you and one another. We confess that we have sometimes limited that love to words, and failed to make that love real by our actions. We have failed to recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the incarcerated and the sick. Too often, we have turned away from your presence, failing to share what we have with our brothers and sisters in need. Forgive us. Turn our hearts, and guide us to follow in your ways anew.

(Silent moment lifting our prayers.)

Pastor: Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: God is good to all, and has compassion for all creation.

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 copanion 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 tithes, 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

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

UMH 66, St 1-2

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to the throne your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress.
Praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness!

Blessing

Prayers and liturgies today can be found: UMC Discipleship Ministries; UMC Book of Worship. All music used within CCLI#752546

Remember in our Prayers

Concerns: Fred Hemmerly, Bob and Bonnie, Kimberly Morris, Patty Bumgarner, Sheree, Crystal Radford, Tommy, Ron, 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: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

Birthdays/Anniversaries: **11/24** David Brookman;
11/25 Kay Brundage; **11/28** Zeb and Helen Cope (1964)

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

United Methodist Student Day is Sunday, November 29th. Your generous gift supports our students. When you give, you help provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the church. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and ministry. To give online: UMCgiving.org/giveUMSD.

Angel Tree: Thank you to all for supporting the Angel Tree Program. 36 Angels were “adopted”! Please return the unwrapped gifts (gift bags are accepted) by Saturday, November 28th. The Fellowship Hall entrance door will be open from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Mon-Thurs throughout the month of November and on Saturday, November 28th, from 9:00AM-12:00 PM. Thank you for supporting this local mission outreach. Contacts: Sylvia Krisnow and Sherry Moore

Offering Envelopes for 2021 are in the Fellowship Hallway. Please pick yours up when you have an opportunity. Contact person: Kathann Montague

Counters for November

November 22 & 29: Clyde Gumbert/Amy Stanley

H.E.L.P. Food Pantry Update: Thank you for your continued donations to the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry. They are grateful for all nonperishable food. **Current needs are:** cereal, fruit cups and/or canned fruit. Donations are delivered monthly. Contact person: Sherry Moore

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

Scriptures for November 29: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Week of 22 November 2020

Sun.	22	10:00 AM Live Stream Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook 11:30 AM Outdoor In-Person Worship – Picnic Shelter
Mon.	23	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Tues.	24	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Wed.	25	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Thurs.	26	Thanksgiving Day
Fri.	27	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Sun.	29	10:00 AM Live Stream Sunday Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook 11:30 AM Outdoor In-Person Worship – Picnic Shelter

Worship Support

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	November 15: 34 on Zoom 18 on Facebook 17 In-Person Outdoor	
OFFERING	Received: \$7,916.00– Needed each week: \$4,876.00	

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