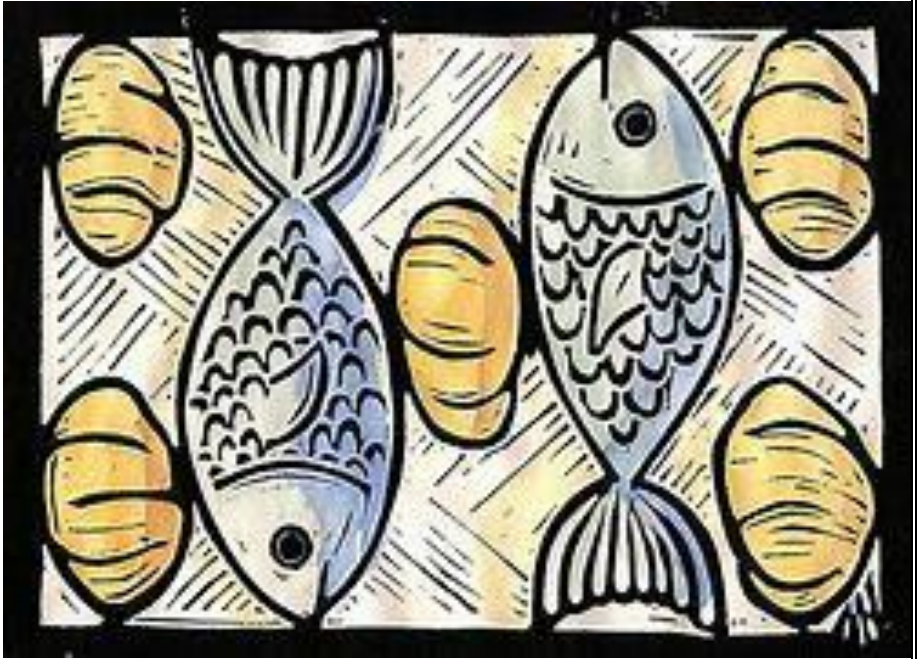


Wesley United Methodist Church

July 25, 2021



Gretchen Nelson, Pastor
Sylvia Krisnow, Secretary

Jerry Sowers, Minister of Music
Cynthia Campbell, Accompanist

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

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 – A Summer Prayer for Grace

One: God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;

Many: we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.

One: God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;

Many: we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.

One: God of exodus and exile and homecoming, God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;

Many: help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.

One: God of health and healing, God who wants us to be made whole;

Many: we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing.

One: God who has laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community;

Many: we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules.

One: God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.

ALL: And so we praise you for the growth, we rejoice in being set free, we dance along the path that leads us home, we give thanks for the healing we have received, we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven and we live as people of Grace.

Opening Hymn “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” UMH 175

1 Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

2 O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

3 But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

4 Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

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

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Special Music

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[b] in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Meditation Signs – Grace Limit Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Faith Response

One: From the cowardice that dares not face new truth,

Many: Good Lord, deliver me.

One: From the laziness that is contented with half-truth,

Many: Good Lord, deliver me.

One: From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,

Many: Good Lord, deliver me.

Silent prayers...

One: Hear the good news, Christ lived and died and rose again for us just as we are. By the love of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Good Lord, to you we give our thanks and praise.

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.

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 “Break Thou the Bread of Life” UMH 599

Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all

Blessing & Commission

One: Since you are being rooted and grounded in love, we pray Christ will live in your hearts through faith.

Many: We pray you will have strength by the power of Christ’s Spirit according to his glorious riches.

One: We pray that you will have power to know and understand with all the saints of God, just how wide, how long, how high, and how deep the love of God really is.

Many: We pray the fullness of God will fill you through and through.

All: Now to God, our Creator; Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our sustainer, who is able to do far more than we could ever dream of according to the power that works in us; be glory in the church from now to the end of the age. 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

Postlude

Fellowship online and outdoors.

Prayers and liturgies today: Rev Gord,
worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2013/06/a-summer-prayer-for-grace.html.

Bryan K. Fleet, *The Africana Worship Book for Year B*
United Methodist Book of Worship and Hymnal
All music used within CCLI#752546

Remember in our Prayers



Our Christian Sympathy goes to Katie Boutwell and family on the death of Ken Boutwell.



Our Christian Sympathy goes to Marie Bard and family on the death of her sister, Pat.

Concerns: Margaret Cooper, Ed Robertson, Michael McPhail, Lucy Stowe, Cathy Williamson, Dave Williamson and Mission Team to Puerto Rico, Sarai Rosado, Pauline Blocker, Andrew Williamson, Jackie Bayless, Betsy Pinder, Madison Breder, Kelsie and AJ, Donna Page, Mason Allen, Matthew Swartz, Kath, Kenny Crocker, Eli Sweeney, Don and Pat Brookman, Mike Mee, Patty Bumgarner, Crystal Radford, Tommy, Ron, Carol Beard, Joann Walsh, Grace Burnell, Freta Lamb, Joella, Joseph Gilday, 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: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

Birthdays/Anniversaries: **07/25** Connie Bryant, Corey Parrish; **07/27** Donna Ward; **07/31** Lori Vasquez



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Eitzen family.

Announcements

Counters:

25 July – Pat Fitzgerald/Stephanie Eitzen
 1 and 8 August – Mary Saylor/Becky Morris
 15 and 22 August – Amy Stanley/Donna Turley
 29 August and 5 September – Mary Saylor/Zach Eitzen

HELP Food Pantry Update: The Food Pantry is well stocked, but there is still a need for **powdered milk and fruit juices (individual packs or regular plastic containers)**. The donations are delivered monthly. Contact person: Sherry Moore

Scriptures for August 1: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

As of 25 July 2021

Sun.	25	10:00 AM Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook
Mon.	26	5:00 PM <i>Prayer Time on Facebook</i>
Tues.	27	5:00 PM <i>Prayer Time on Facebook</i>
Wed.	28	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Thurs.	29	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Fri.	30	
Sat.	31	
Sun.	01	10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	<u>July 25</u> 43 In-Person/7 on Zoom/21 on Facebook
OFFERING	General: Received: \$3,232.00 Needed each week: \$4,878.00

Secretary Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
Phone: 757-838-3044; **Fax:** 757-838-1663;
Address: 2510 N. Armistead Avenue, Hampton VA 23666-1506;
Pastor Gretchen Nelson: Cell Phone 804-896 -6785
 email: gretchennelson@vaumc.org