

Wesley United Methodist Church

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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

One: Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners-and-losers, and too many left behind we come together.

Many: **The world's ways are not our ways.**

The world's ways are not Christ's ways.

One: Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power we gather as Koinonia, as God's people.

Many: **God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all peoples.**

One: Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits! Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine community! Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!

Many: **Praise be to the Everlasting One!**

Opening Hymn “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” UMH 731

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near;
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer's blood; Jesus,
whom our souls rely on, makes us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign, and as priests
his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

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 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were
there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum
looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him,
"Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very
truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs,
but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food
that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the
Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set
his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the
works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God,
that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him,
"What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and
believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the
manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from
heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it
was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my
Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of
God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the
world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me
will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be
thirsty."

Special Music

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."
⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Meditation Run-ons, Digressions, and Obscure References **Pastor Gretchen Nelson**

Faith Response

Psalm 51

UMH 785

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵ **Behold, I was born into iniquity and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

⁶ Behold you desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- 8** Make me hear with joy and gladness;
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 10** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy spirit from me.**
- 12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**
- 14** Deliver me from death, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**
- 16** For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

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

“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.

Blessing & Commission

One: Go out from here and live lives worthy of the one calling which we all share. In humility, gentleness and patience, speak only what is true and loving and so grow into the unity that is ours in Christ. And may God the creator reshape your hearts; may Christ Jesus, the bread of life, sustain you always; and may the Holy Spirit unite you in the bond of peace.

ALL: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. 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: Tim Graves,

<https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

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Remember in our Prayers

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: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

Birthdays/Anniversaries: **08/02** Nita Hartung; **08/03** Christopher Coccimiglio, Michael Saylor, Sr.; **08/06** Amy Stanley; **08/07** Valerie Holland



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Skip and Mary Saylor in celebration of their grandson, Michael, and great-grandson, Michael Jr.'s, August birthdays.

Announcements

Counters:

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 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 August 8: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

As of 1 August 2021

Sun.	01	10:00 AM Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook
Mon.	02	<i>5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook</i>
Tues.	03	9:00 AM Chair Yoga <i>5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook</i>
Wed.	04	5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook
Thurs	05	9:00 AM Chair Yoga <i>5:00 PM Prayer Time on Facebook</i>
Fri.	06	
Sat.	07	
Sun.	08	10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service – In-Person, Zoom or Facebook

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: July 25: 42 In-Person/3 on Zoom/43 on Facebook

OFFERING General Fund: Received: \$1,255.00
Needed each week: \$4,878.00

Secretary Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

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