

# WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Order of Worship ~ April 6, 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

**C: Let us walk his way with joy!**

L: Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

**C: Let us walk his way with joy!**

L: Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

**C: Let us walk his way with joy!**

L: Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

**C: Let us walk his way with joy!**

L: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

**C: Let us walk his way with joy!**

Praise Song ~ "What a Beautiful Name" by Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 126 ~ Liturgist

Special Music ~ "Communion Hymn" by David Kellermeyer ~ Colla Voce Choir

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn ~ "Christ is the World's Light" UMH #188 (*Dismissal for Children's Church after the hymn*)

Sermon (Story #25) "Jesus, the Son of God" ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scripture ~ Mark 8:27-38

Communion

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer~ **Gracious God, with hearts overflowing with gratitude, we present these gifts as a reflection of the abundance you have graciously poured into lives. May they be used to provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and comfort for the broken-hearted, bringing renewal and hope to those who weary. We desire that this offering be a source of transformation, turning sorrow into joy and giving a taste of your love and grace to all who are in need. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

Closing Hymn ~ "Bread of the World" UMH #624

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

### Serving in Worship today

Greeter: Tayah Wilson | Organist: Steve Gerber | Liturgist: Ali Vizzo | Communion Stewards: Dave & Sandy Riley

A/V: Anna Rittgers, Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley | Music Director: Nancy Franck

Ushers: Boston Wilson, Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander | Welcome Center: Beth & Lake Poremba

Altar Flowers provided by: Kevin & Susan Donley ~ Celebrating 19th year wedding anniversary.

Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. Thanks for your support.

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TO GIVE  
@ WUMC**



**IN PERSON:**

- VIA OFFERING PLATES IN THE SANCTUARY
- PERSONALIZED OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE: CONTACT MARJ BUTLER (MBUTLER@WOOSTERUMC.ORG)



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## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

**Sunday, May 4 | Following Worship**

Pastor David is eager to meet with anyone wanting to learn more about connecting at Wooster UMC! We'll tour the church and share a meal together; bring any questions you may have about WUMC! Sign up at the What's Up Table, Welcome Center, or by contacting the church office.



## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

**Tuesday, April 8 | 11:00a | Wesley Hall**  
Mary Martha & Esther Circles will host a presentation on scam safety. Officer Hall of the Wooster Police Department will lead the discussion. **All are welcome to attend!**



## LENTEN REFLECTIONS ART GALLERY: WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

During Lent, WUMC invites the congregation to reflect on Bible passages about the Church's purpose and respond creatively through art, poetry, and stories. The Chapel will provide materials for creating pieces to display on the second floor. Kids can join Ali on Tuesdays at 4:00p for guided art sessions.

**Week 5: Acts 2:42-47**

See the Lenten Brochure, available at the What's Up Table or Welcome Center, for a complete list of weekly verses. Bring completed projects to the Chapel or turn in to the church office; we'll take care of the rest!



## PERSON OF THE WEEK

You are encouraged to send a note or card.

Kay Hastings  
535 Spring St.  
Wooster, OH 44691



## WUMC WORK DAY

**Saturday, April 12 | 8:30-11:30a**  
Let's do some sprucing up at WUMC! Willing hands are needed for various indoor and outdoor jobs! Projects include painting and storeroom organizing indoors (supplies provided), and raking, mulch refreshing, weeding, and edging outside (bring gloves/garden tools that might be helpful for these jobs).

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT WOOSTER UMC



**Palm Sunday | 10:00a | WUMC**  
"The Hour of Darkness"

**Maundy Thursday | 7:00p | WUMC**  
Featuring a drama directed by Tony Lane

**Good Friday Cantata | 7:00p**  
Oak Chapel UMC

**Easter Sunday @ 10:00a**  
"The Resurrection"  
Egg Hunt on the front lawn after worship

## HOLY WEEK NOON CONCERTS

Bring a lunch and enjoy a short concert each day of Holy Week! Concerts begin at noon and last approximately 1/2 hour.

**Monday:** Organist Peter Woodruff  
**Tuesday:** Organist Tom Shaw  
**Wednesday:** Soloist David Rittgers  
**Thursday:** Organist Steve Gerber  
**Friday:** Violinist Aaron Miedel

## AREA UMC LENTEN SERVICES

**Sunday Service Time: 4:00p**  
Fellowship Time Following

**April 6 | Church of the Cross UMC**  
Led by Pastor Jennifer Darling-Mellott  
5100 Cleveland Rd., Wooster

**April 13 | Wooster UMC**  
Led by DS Cara Stultz Costello

**April 18 | Oak Chapel UMC | 7:00p**  
Good Friday Cantata

WUMC is looking for willing hands to help with hosting the April 13 Lenten service to be held at WUMC. In particular, ushers, greeters and hospitality helpers are needed; see the sign up sheet at the What's Up table or Welcome Center.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- World leaders as they navigate conflict
- People of Ukraine and Russia
- People of Palestine and Israel
- Becca McCready, ongoing blood cancer recovery
- Family of Paul Farren on his March 20 passing ([www.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.dignitymemorial.com))
- Mark Lemon (brother of Emily Zuercher), health concerns

Prayer requests remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

## EGG HUNT



**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

On the front lawn following worship  
Thanks to volunteers for stuffing and WUMC youth for scattering lots of eggs!



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE



**This year's East Ohio Annual Conference (June 12-14) will take place on the College of Wooster campus for the first time! The EOC is looking to local churches to help make this event a success—can you help? Scan the code and take a short survey to indicate interest and availability. Jobs include greeting, help desk, prayer team, offering collection, campus guide, cafeteria assistance, parking lot attendant, VBS helpers—even helping with the 5K Run/Walk for Camp Ministry!**

## EXPANDING OUR COLLECTION!

We're off to a great start with our shelf-stable food collection and we've learned of a new need! **OneEighty is in need of hygiene items for their emergency shelter and treatment centers and we'd like to expand our ongoing collection to help them out! Most needed items: 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, deodorant (men's and women's), razors (men's and women's) hand lotion, and body lotion. Items will be collected in the same container that's been used for our food collection! Electronic donations can be made via the tile on the GIVE page at [woosterumc.org](http://woosterumc.org) or by using your usual method and noting "ongoing donation".**

**Wednesday, April 16 | 12:00p**  
Lunch Bunch will meet to share a meal—all are invited! Bring \$5 towards pizza; snacks to share are welcome.