

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ May 12, 2024 ~ Happy Mother's Day!

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Pastor David Rittgers

Special Music: "On Eagle's Wings" arr. Jeffrey Honoré ~ Campanile Bells

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: Since the beginning, God has been relentlessly pursuing us in love.

C: Though our faithfulness ebbs and flows, God's love endures forever.

L: Taking on flesh like ours, God became one with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

C: God lived and moved and ministered in the margins of power.

L: God incarnate was not what we expected. We did not recognize God in Jesus. Still, we struggle to recognize God with us.

C: And yet, God continues to dwell in our midst. Thanks be to God!

Praise Song: "King of Kings" by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram ~ Josh Rittgers

Psalm Reading: Psalm 1 ~ Liturgist

Special Music: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden ~ Campanile Bells

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" ~ UMH #420

Sermon: "Made in God's Image" ~ Pastor David Rittgers

Main Scripture(s): Genesis 1:24-31

Baptism & Confirmation ~ UMH #33

Impact Moment/Confirmation Video

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer: **Holy Father, we desire to be sanctified in your grace like the disciples whom Jesus commissioned with your word. We do not want to squander our lives and resources on meaningless consumption. Open our hearts and our hands to respond to giving appeals in a generous manner. Give us the courage to embrace a lifestyle centered in your teaching, rather than one dictated by marketing trends or unhealthy spending habits. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Here I Am Lord" ~ UMH #593

Benediction: "The Blessing" by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, & Steven Furtick ~ Josh Rittgers

Postlude



IN THIS SERMON SERIES,
PASTOR DAVID WILL COVER EACH
OF THE "DAYS" OF CREATION:

- APRIL 7: LIGHT
- APRIL 14: WATER
- APRIL 21: SOIL
- APRIL 28: HEAVENS
- MAY 5: ANIMALS
- MAY 12: HUMANITY
- MAY 19: REST



Serving in worship today

Greeters: Bob Reynolds & Jim Fishburn | Organist: Steve Gerber | Liturgist: Jane Braddock

A/V: Dave Braddock, Nathan Greene, Steve Grenert, Dave Riley

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch

Holy Grounds invites you to Wesley Hall after the service. We will have a reception to celebrate our Confirmands. Please join us!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 19, is Pentecost, a day to recall when the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who had come to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast. Over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church.

The congregation is encouraged to wear red to commemorate Pentecost!

Pancakes & Posies: Following worship on Pentecost, the Trail Seekers adult Sunday school class will host a pancake lunch. A free will offering will support Kay Bergen and her upcoming Liberia mission trip. Kay will be handing out flowers at the lunch as well!

Bake Sale: The Mary Martha Circle will hold a bake sale on Pentecost in Wesley Hall. Proceeds will assist Pastor David with travel expenses for his upcoming trip to Dakota Wesleyan University. Anyone can provide baked goods to support the sale! Bring donations that morning or to the church kitchen prior, marked "bake sale". Thank you for your support!

Saturday, May 18 @ 3:00p @ WUMC
General Conference is over—what now? Hosted by Bishop Tracy S. Malone, the East Ohio delegation, and other conference leaders, this conference-wide gathering will provide clarification on the issues that were voted on at General Conference and how it will affect the UMC moving forward, as well as provide an opportunity to ask questions. A light reception will follow the gathering. Volunteers will be needed; visit the What's Up table in Wesley Hall to see how you can help.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Middle East conflict
- People and churches of Ukraine
- Becca McCready, blood cancer, discharged from hospital, recovering at home
- Phyllis Woods and family on the April 27 death of husband Ralph (robertsfuneralhome.com)
- Ishwar Harris, recovering at home
- Linda Smith, surgery recovery

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



Confirmation

The following students will be confirmed during today's service. Thanks to those who served as mentors to these students (listed alongside each Confirmand):

- Maddie Clow (Jane Braddock)
- Charles Donley (Mike Mann)
- James Fishburn (Micah Poremba)
- Noah Greene (Dave Braddock)
- Makaya Krownapple (Leeann Caldwell)
- Anna Rittgers (Barb Grenert)



What better day than Mother's Day to begin a campaign to support moms in Wayne County? WUMC in the Community will support the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County with a Baby Bottle Fundraiser! The PCC engages, equips, and empowers women to make healthy pregnancy decisions. Visit the What's Up table to pick up a bottle, take it home, fill with spare change, currency, or a check (made payable to The Pregnancy Care Center) and return to WUMC. We'll collect through Father's Day!



The next Lunch Bunch is May 15 at noon in Wesley Hall! Bring \$5 for pizza; snacks to share are welcome! All are invited!



The Steer Fund is a WUMC effort to fill the Meals Together freezer. A steer is purchased, processed and donated to Meals Together. We haven't quite reached our goal yet; if you would like to assist with this effort, click the STEER FUND tile on the GIVE page at woosterumc.org, or donate via your usual method, making sure to note "Steer Fund".



The WUMC Campanile Bell Choir has their last performance of the season today. Thanks to the following members for enhancing worship at WUMC!

- Wendy Brisbine · Doris Bucher
- Jessica Chio · Cathy Dunaway
- Marisa Dunaway · Jeanie Frank
- Kathy Helmuth · Beth Kail · David Kail
- Kathy Kapp · Ellen MacMaster
- Pat Miles · Jill Plant · Inez Shirer
- Suzanne Souers · Gretchen Tefs

Pizza with the Pastor · Sunday, June 2
Join Pastor David and other staff members after worship to learn more about WUMC, tour the building, and ask questions. All are welcome; sign up at the What's Up table or contact the church office to RSVP.



SMITHVILLE UMC
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JUNE 7 & 8
FRIDAY: 6-8:30
(INCLUDES DINNER)
SATURDAY: 10A-3P
(INCLUDES LUNCH
SCAN FOR MORE INFO
AND TO REGISTER!



VBS REGISTRATION

For this year's VBS, old t-shirts or fabric scraps are needed. These will be used by students to create cozy beds for pets at a local shelter. Your donations will not only help teach about service and compassion, but also provide comfort to animals awaiting their forever homes. Drop off donations at the What's Up table in Wesley Hall! The VBS team thanks you!



You are encouraged to send a note or card.
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