

WOOSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship ~ May 10, 2026 ~ Mother's Day

Gathering Music

Greeting ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Special Music ~ "Special Moments" by Dave and Jean Perry ~ Colla Voce Choir ~ Nancy Franck, director

Call to Worship ~ Liturgist

L: Blessed are You, O God, full of faithfulness and steadfast love.

C: How awesome are Your deeds! How glorious is Your name in all the earth.

L: We celebrate who You are, and what You have done for us.

C: You hold our lives in Your hands and keep our feet from stumbling.

L: We've come together, led by your Spirit, to sing Your praise, to confess our failings, and to receive Your forgiveness and love, made possible through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: To You be all glory, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Praise Song ~ "Because of Your Love" by Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

Affirmation of Faith ~ UMH #881

Psalm Reading ~ Psalm 66:8-20 ~ Barb Lane

Children's Moment (*Dismissal for Children's Church after Children's Moment*)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn ~ "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92

Announcements

Offering Collections/Special Music ~

"Spirit of Truth", Spirit of Love" by Craig Curry ~ Colla Voce Choir

Impact Moment

Doxology ~ UMH #95

Offering Prayer ~ Generous and loving God, we remember those who have encouraged, taught, forgiven, and loved us. Our offering today is a response to all that we have received. Use these gifts to lift and bless others, as you have so faithfully done for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sermon ~ Rev. David Rittgers

Main Scriptures: Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-21

Closing Hymn ~ "My Hope is Built" UMH #368

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude



Serving in worship

Greeters: Craig and Jennifer Reynolds | Liturgist: Barb Lane | Welcome Center: Beth Poremba

Music Director: Nancy Franck | Organist: Steve Gerber | Acolyte: Elle Zuercher

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

Ushers: Jack Bardall, John Crouch, Jim Gallander, Andy Fisk

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 STACY RUTT (FINANCE@WOOSTERUMC.ORG)



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REDEMPTION
Songs



Week #5
"Rise Up"
Psalm 66:8-20

There is a song to go along with each week of *Redemption Songs*; scan below to give them a listen!




YouTube Playlist Spotify Playlist

MIDWEST **MISSION**
disaster relief • education health • micro business



Items will be collected for Midwest Mission during 2026 Annual Conference on the College of Wooster campus. Each of these life-changing items will go to people in need, both globally and locally. Visit the What's Up Table to get a list of kits that are being collected. Return completed kits to the church office and WUMC will deliver—or drop off yourself during collection times on campus. If needed, a few 5-gallon buckets are on hand to help with assembly of Personal Dignity Kits.

Tuesday, May 12 | 9:30a



Missionary Pastor Sarah Mae Gabuyo, based in Rome, Italy, will visit WUMC to share her experiences. Brunch will be served following her presentation. Sign up at the What's Up Table.

 **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Wednesday, May 20 | Noon

Join your church family for Lunch Bunch! We'll be enjoying everyone's favorite—pizza! Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost, and snacks to share are always welcome. Everyone is invited!

Saturday, May 16 | 8:30-11:00a

Join us for a morning of fellowship and service as we care for our church grounds. Come for a little while or stay the whole time—every helping hand is welcome. Bring any useful tools if you have them. We look forward to working together!

Sunday, July 19

WUMC United Women of Faith are planning a women-led service and need volunteers! Roles include greeters, ushers, acolytes, A/V, welcome center staff, and musicians. Interested? Contact Sandy Riley (330.461.2526) or Susan Donley (330.275.6016).

Mission Team Forming | July 20-24

Royal Family Kids Camps serves area foster children, giving them a summer camp experience. Find out more at the What's Up Table and see if it might be a good opportunity for you!

LET'S CELEBRATE
STEVE & INEZ

Sunday, May 17 | Following Worship May 17 will be our final worship service in the Sanctuary before renovations begin—and there's lots to do! First and foremost, we'll meet up in Wesley Hall following worship for a reception honoring organist Steve Gerber and Bell Choir Director Inez Shirer for their many years of service.

After the reception, we'll need help preparing the Sanctuary for construction—moving hymnals and essentials to the "Upper Room" (gym), where services will be held, and storing other items. Please consider staying; many hands will make the work quick as we prepare for our return to a renewed Sanctuary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of John Wesley who taught people to "Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God" we lift these prayers:

- ◆ For leaders and nations that they may choose the path of peace over the path of destruction
- ◆ Mothers and all who nurture and guide us
- ◆ Kathy Allen (sister of Marge Wilcox), undergoing cancer treatment
- ◆ Family of Maddox Graser (Wooster High School student) on his passing
- ◆ Family of Barb Sattler on her April 30 passing
- ◆ Samantha Penrod (cousin of Ali Vizzo), serving in the middle east with the U.S. Navy

WUMC CHURCH PICNIC!



Save the Date!

Friday, June 19

Spend a fun evening with your WUMC church family at the 2026 Church Picnic! We'll meet at 717 Credit Union Park—an all-you-can-eat picnic will be served at 6:15, the game starts at 7:15, and fireworks will finish the evening! Cost per person to be determined; sign up at the What's Up Table to stay in the loop!

 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**


May 24

There's lots happening at WUMC on the Day of Pentecost!

- **Senior Recognition Sunday** We'll celebrate and honor our graduating seniors during the service.
- **Pancakes for Pentecost** Hosted by the Trail Seekers adult Sunday school class—stay after worship and enjoy a delicious lunch in honor of our seniors!
- **UM Student Day** One of six Special Sundays in the UMC, UM Student Day facilitates scholarships for United Methodist undergraduate and graduate students, allowing them to achieve education goals with financial freedom.
- **Wear Red!** Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection (Acts 2:3). Help us create a vibrant, unified look as we celebrate—you're encouraged to wear red!

 **SUPPORT WUMC YOUTH!**
Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT

On June 7, a WUMC youth mission team leaves for their 2026 mission trip in partnership with Appalachian Service Project. You can support them by praying, writing a note, or donating supplies. Visit the table in Wesley Hall to see needed items and pick up note cards. Please return items by **Sunday, May 31**.

 **Person of the Week**

You are encouraged to send a note or card.

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