

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, April 24, 2022

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Second Sunday of Easter

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* JS Bach

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP *by Austin D. Hill*

And I pray that you

Being rooted and established in love

Together, with all the Lord's holy people,

To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

And to know this love that surpasses knowledge –

That you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Lord, we echo the words of Paul's prayer as we worship you today.

Help us all to know your love.

*OPENING HYMN #315 *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God of promise, we come into this sanctuary remembering your great love for us. Remembering the messages of new life and resurrection that capture the essence of the Easter season. We are Easter people, drawn closer to you and to one another after Jesus' death and resurrection.

May we be witnesses, O God, to your unending Easter love. Free our words and deeds to faithful living. Embolden us to tell of grace and mystery encountered in sacrament and community in our day. May your Spirit guide us through this service and move us to share the good news of your resurrection with others. Amen.

THE LORDS 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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor Michael Cobb, Liturgist

Acts 5:27-32
*John 20:19-31

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SERMON

Shannon M. Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We bring our best before God in recognition that all that we have is an inheritance from God. The gift of God is here with us, for the presence of the risen Christ is with us always. In gratitude, let us give generously as we collect today's offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above the Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
Amen!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we give thanks to you! Your steadfast love endures forever and ever. We dedicate these gifts to the work of sharing your love with others. Like the early followers of Jesus who were small in number, but who grew and grew over time, we ask that you multiply these gifts. May they be used to further your kin-dom. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2086 *Open our Eyes, Lord*

BENEDICTION

You are sent out in Jesus' name – to proclaim God's love and the message that Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

You are witnesses to these things.

Go now with confidence, knowing that you are children of God, emboldened to share God's love with others.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days

JS Bach

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The Prayer Corner

In prayer, please remember: the people of Ukraine; from the WUMC Congregation: Bob and Martha Asman; Michael Etcheto, grandson of Barbara Etcheto, Lou Calabrese (husband of Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese); Linda Bailey; and our Confirmands: Annabelle Cloud, Cody & Zachary Cordova, James Levario, and Matthew Shupenis

If you would like our confidential prayer team to pray with you or for you, please reach out to Carolyn Shay, 203-518-3177 or 1jerseygirl52@gmail.com



Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

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Week of April 24, 2022

Visitors are warmly welcomed! If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available on the table at the registration area.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today:
Pastor Michael Cobb, Liturgist and Reader; *Anna and Christine Shupenis*, Ushers;
Barb Hunt, Greeter; Acolytes; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

Altar flower tribute this week is given by *Joann King* in remembrance of the life of my *Aunt Colette*, and to thank my church family for your support & prayers during this time.

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer available.

- Go to www.woodburyumc.net, scroll to the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
- For audio only, dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

COVID Response Team Update

Masks are optional during worship services, although we still encourage members of our congregation, who have not been vaccinated, to wear a mask. Further, pre-registration for church services is no longer required.

Please continue to maintain social distancing between different family units and refrain from attending services in person if you or a family member has been ill (e.g., have any cold, flu or COVID symptom). You can find a chart at <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2Freopening> to help you determine when it is safe to return to in-person worship after being ill or having been in close contact with someone else who is ill.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Monday, April 25th	Missions and Outreach, 7 PM
Wednesday, April 27th	Bell Choir 6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM
Saturday, April 30th	Woodbury Earth Day 2022 Hollow Park 9AM-4PM
Sunday, May 1st	CT District Conference, 3:30 PM via Zoom

WUMC needs your help to make Woodbury Earth Day a success on Saturday, April 30!



Come join us as we use this opportunity to connect with our neighbors about environmental issues critically important to all of us while enjoying the beautiful spring weather. We will be sharing our United Methodist understanding that our faith demands that we be good, proactive stewards of the Earth.

Our tent will be making crafts with children out of recycled materials.

Please contact Meg Temple ASAP (203-910-3711) if you can help.

Here's what we need for a successful Earth Day event:

People Power:

- 3-4 people to gather supplies at the church from 9-10 AM to deliver to Hollow Park
- 3-4 people to help set up our tent, tables and supplies at Hollow Park
- 4-6 people to take 1-2 hour shifts from 11-4 PM manning the children's craft station, passing out brochures and talking with families
- 3-4 people to break down and return items from the Hollow to the church from 4-5 PM

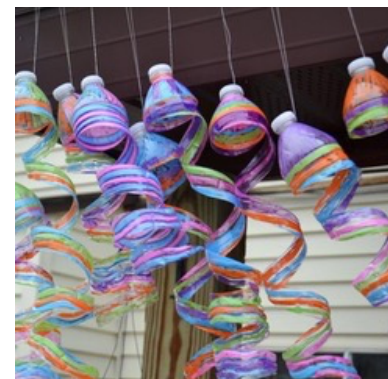
Items Still Needed:

- Empty toilet or paper towel rolls for the project (pictured top right)
- Empty plastic water bottles with caps, label removed (pictured bottom right)
- Fish wire
- Twine
- Birdseed
- Sharpies



This will be a beautiful day outside and a great way to better connect with our community.

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Sunflowers for Ukraine



Paintings of Ukraine's national flower, the sunflower and their national colors, blue and yellow by Lydia Temple and Mary Grace Styblo

All proceeds to benefit UMCOR International Disaster Response & Recovery efforts for Ukraine

Paintings (limited supply) - **\$15 minimum***

5"x7" **Prints** - **\$15 minimum***

Notecards- **\$15 minimum* for 10 cards**

**Additional donations welcome*

Please contact Mary Grace at mstyblo1@outlook.com or Lydia at lydiatemple1@gmail.com with any questions