

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 8, 2022

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE HYMN UMH# 145
Sherman

Morning Has Broken arr. Arnold
Bell Choir

LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Meg Temple, Liturgist

Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers.

For all they mean or have meant to us.

We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given. For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.

Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the qualities of mothers. For their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

**We thank you for the part they play in our lives,
and for this special day of saying 'thank you' to them.**

Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the wonder of your mothering. As a mother protects her children, you watch over us day by day.

**We thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us,
Your hands shield and deliver us from harm.**

Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's day brings heartache rather than celebration.

**We thank you for your mothering heart and your tender love,
Which nurtures all who feel abandoned and lost.**

May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant, Your understanding is perfect and your compassion is never-ending.

**We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy,
Lord in your mercy mother us all with your love. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN UMH# 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth* v. 1, 6

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we

may know the power of your presence to bring together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

HYMN UMH# 138 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Sarah Kate Walkup, Cantor

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:11-17
John 10:22-30

*HYMN OF PREPARATION TFWS# 2130 *The Summons*
v. 1, 4 Choir
v. 5, congregation

ANNOTATED HYMN SING

Chris Shay

HYMN 369 *Blessed Assurance* v. 1-3 Kate Keeler; Refrain, congregation

HYMN 147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Linda Lamb
Bell Choir

HYMN 451 *Be Thou my Vision* v.1 Carolyn; v. 2, Choir; v. 3 congregation

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Loving God, as your Holy Word reveals, your gift of grace is offered to all of your children. In this moment, we respond to your generosity by offering financial gifts. We respond by praising your name in prayer. We respond to

all you have done for us in gratitude as we collect today's offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN 702 *Sing with All the Saints of Glory* v. 1, 2

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. From the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *My Life is an Offering* Sovereign Grace
Rod Carnes, Sarah Kate Walkup, Kate Keeler, Matt Bodwell, Adam Riefenhauser

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, know that our worship is only beginning. Go to love others as God has first loved us. In all that we see, hear, and take into our hearts, may the love of Christ be with us, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

And All the People Said
Praise Band

Matt Maher

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The Prayer Corner

In prayer, please remember: the people of Ukraine; from the WUMC Congregation:

Bob and Martha Asman; Christine Smith, Kelly Etcheto, daughter of Barbara Etcheto; 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 ljerseygirl52@gmail.com

Schedule For This Week

Monday, May 9th	Open Doors, 7 PM
Tuesday, May 10th	Good Enough Bible Study, 6:30 PM, via Zoom
Wed., May 11th	Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary
Thursday, May 12th	Church Council, 7:00 PM



WUMC Helping Hands Ministry

Vision Statement:

Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn.

Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects; Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor

Nominal Constraints:

- Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days
- Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost
- Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule

Please Contact: Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net or (203) 263-4775.

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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Meg Temple, Lay Leader
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*Pastor Michael is away, returning May 26th.
For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Rev. Sandra Mantz at 845-546-7173.
|For all other needs, please contact the WUMC church office.*

Week of May 8, 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.

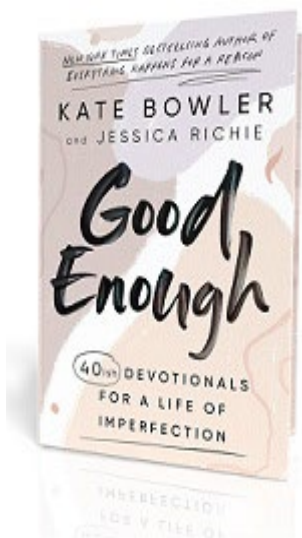
If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Meg Temple*, Liturgist and Reader; *Amanda and Annabelle Cloud*, Ushers; *Barb Hunt, Greeter*; *Mary Grace Styblo*, Acolytes; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

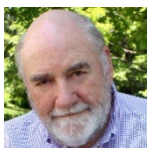
Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later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

- **Video:** 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.

- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.
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Please join us for a study of *Good Enough, 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler. We will meet on Tuesday evenings via Zoom at 6:30 PM from May 10 to June 14. To learn more, see Meg Temple or call the church office at (203) 263-4775 to sign up. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$16. Please indicate whether you will be joining us as soon as possible to receive the Zoom link and reading assignments.



Friends, the photography of long-time member, Bill Wilhelms, is now on exhibit in the second floor Art Room of the Commons (Dogwood) at the Watermark at Easthill. The display will be up for the next few. Please reach out to Judy or the church office for more details or to visit.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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This is a reminder to please pick up your sunflower paintin if you haven't already done so. Cards are still for sale. Mary Grace and Lydia have raised over \$515 for UMCOR for Ukraine so far. Stay tuned for an intergenerational sunflower paint class on Friday, June 10 at 6:30 PM in the yard.

A multitude of thanks goes out to all of the people that helped make our booth at the Woodbury Earth Day an amazing and messy success. Thank you to all who donated supplies, transported us to and from the Hollow, set up, break down and help with the activities at the booth throughout the day. A special thanks to Barb & Jeff Hunt, Pastor Michael, Sam Temple, Jay Hockenberry, Jon & Nancy Ossewaarde, Karen Fimmano, Christine Shupenis, Bud Behlman, Joann King, Mollie Bodwell, and Caroline Cloud.

