

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
Wednesdays:	Bible Study	7:00pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Sundays:	Youth Group	1:00-3:00pm

- **Feed the Children** supplies being collected through May 14th.
- **Fill the Truck** items collected until Annual Conference, June 6th.
- **Bishop's Appeal for 2023:** dedicated to migrant needs.
- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall.
- **May collection: dish soap.** Also needed: **travel-sized toiletries.** Thank you for helping those in need!
- **Loose coins for May: Let's Feed Our Children**
- **Nursery** is provided for 10:00 am service.

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director:	Melissa Hurley
Music Ministry:	Judy Bushman (Organist) Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)
Head Usher:	Jeff Cedro
Nursery Supervisor:	Carol Cravatta
A/V Specialists:	Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell

	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Liturgists:	Nancy Pitsch	Bob Allen
Greeters:	Jan Glover	Bob & Cheryl Allen
Ushers:	Lynn Majewski	Jean Moe/Olivia & Dylan



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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



MAY 7, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church
May 7, 2023

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Journey into Galilee
Prayer for the Home

by Jerry McCrory
by Edward Broughton

INTROIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Psalm 105, Matthew 14)

If it had not been for God, where would we be?

**If it were not for God in our lives,
what kind of people would we be now?**

Thank God that we are not left to our own devices.

Thank God that we do not walk alone!

We are not alone.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Come! Let us worship the God who is our Sustainer,
our Redeemer, our Creator, and our Friend!

† **OPENING HYMN**

“Bind Us Together, Lord”

TFWS #2226

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† **RESPONSE**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#70

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This Little Light of Mine”
Bell Choir

arr. by Wm E. Moats

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

HYMN

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:17-22

This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON

You Will Be Catching People (Part 2)

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #15

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be an offering that is pleasing to you, good gifts that come from the knowledge of life in Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH #374 (vs 1,3)

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL**

"More Like You"

TFWS #2167 (first half)

POSTLUDE

Victory in Jesus

by Eugene M. Bartlett

† *Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.*

Bold print indicates in unison

