

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church

August 13, 2023

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place* by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†**OPENING PRAYER:** (Psalm 8, Genesis 1)

Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purpose, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys, that it may be said of us: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

†**OPENING HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (insert vs 1,2)

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

HYMN “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain ” (insert vs1)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Chronicles 4:10

¹⁰ Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, ‘Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!’ And God granted what he asked.

Jeremiah 18:6

⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Lord, Bless Us and Enlarge Our Border

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. (U.S.A., 20TH CENT., ALT.)

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Through our struggles, you carve out hope. Through our suffering, you give us gifts – gifts not just for us, but to give away. Gracious, almighty God, receive our lives, our whole lives, and every step on our journeys, that we might shine with your glory in all our endeavors. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

†**CLOSING HYMN** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Insert vs.1,4)

† **BENEDICTION (GENESIS 32)**

We are blessed by the hand that leads us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

We go with God's blessings.

We are blessed by the one who heals our wounds and makes us whole.

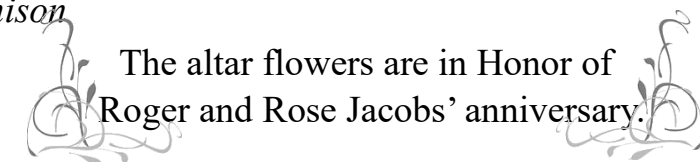
We go with the blessings of the one who meets us face to face.

† **RECESSIONAL** "More Like You" (insert)

POSTLUDE

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

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Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)	4:00pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Tue., 8/15:	Worship Team (Fellowship Hall)	7:00pm
Thur., 8/17:	Ladies' luncheon (reserve with Beth Mathew)	11:30am

TODAY, 8/13: Fall Kick-off and Blessing of the Backpacks and school year!

There will be one service (**9:30am**). Also, the **Youth Group** meets today! 1:00—3:00pm
Grab a friend!

- Wesley is collecting for **Buddy Bags**. Suggested items are in *The Chimes* and posted in Fellowship Hall.
- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall.
- **August** collection: **Toothpaste**. Also needed: **travel-sized toiletries**.
- **Loose coins for August:** RefugeeOne *Thank you for helping those in need!*

Worship Leaders

Youth Director:	Melissa Hurley
Music Ministry:	Edita Danaiata (Musician) Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)
Head Ushers:	Rebecca Tieman/Shannon Klausing (8:00am) Steve Lopez (10:00am)
Nursery Supervisor:	Carol Cravatta
A/V Specialists:	Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell
9:30 AM	
Liturgists:	Aaron Marken
Greeters:	Abriana Poci/Bella
Ushers:	Rebecca Tieman/Shannon Klausing/Andy Pitsch



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