

Welcome to Wesley Church And A Celebration Of Worship

We are glad you are with us today!

*Please stand where indicated by the asterisk.



THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

THE PRELUDE

“Adoration” Louis Lefebure-Wely

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Get up! Get up!

People: It is too early in the morning to be energetic.

Leader: Wake up to the possibilities of God’s surprises!

People: We are not sure we can break out of our old ruts.

Leader: Arise and open your hearts to the resurrection!

People: We are an Easter people! Praise God for new life!

*THE OPENING HYMN

“The Gift Of Love” UMH # 408

*THE AFFIRMATION FROM *I CORINTHIANS 15: 1 - 6*
AND COLOSSIANS 1: 15 - 20

**This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.**

**Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

*THE GLORIA PATRI UMH # 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**



THE CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Jesus Loves Me!”

(Sing while children come forward.)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

THE ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

“Make Music For The Lord” Natalie Sleeth

Carol Choir

Make music for the Lord today! Lift up your voice and sing!

To God who made the heav’n and earth glad songs and anthems bring!



THE BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

Leader: Gracious, loving, and healing God, bless these shawls that they might be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation.

Response: God's grace be upon these shawls. Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing, may these mantles be a safe haven — a witness to the sacred touch of God's secure love, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as in difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. We ask your blessing on all who are lonely, sick, and suffering. In the name of Jesus Christ, the gentle healer. Amen



THE SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (10:30 a.m. ~ See Insert)



THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE SILENT PERSONAL PRAYERS

(During this time of quiet music, please feel free to lift up the names of others in need of prayer. You may do this aloud or silently.)

THE PASTORAL 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.**



THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY (8 a.m.)

“Prelude on Hymn Tune ‘Middlebury’” arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

“Such Is The Way of God’s Love”

Joseph M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir ~ Vicky Burnside, flute

Anthem in Loving Memory of

OUR GRANDMOTHER, DOROTHY FIEDLER

given by Diane and Bernard VanHorn

Jackie Starr, Bonnie and Jim Fiedler,

and Peggy Fiedler

Fresh as the morning, new as the dawning,

soft as the song of the dove,

gentle as springtime, joyful as starshine;

such is the way of God’s love.



*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



THE PSALTER (with sung response # 2)

Psalms 23

UMH # 754

(Sung response only at 10:30 a.m. The Sanctuary Choir will sing it the first time with the congregation joining in after that.)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 3: 16 - 24

THE VERSICLES

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

*THE SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

UMH # 307, vs. 3

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!



THE MESSAGE

“The Difference Between Speech & Action”

Jay E. Jones, Pastor



*THE CLOSING HYMN OF INVITATION

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

UMH # 581

*THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

“Major Postlude”

Francois Couperin

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)

Kaida Ren Maximiek

Daughter of Krista Maximiek and Jamie Ruckle

Jacob Scott Wharton

Son of Diana Snyder and Jason Wharton

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in His grace,
and promise to serve Him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do

Will you nurture these children
in Christ's holy church,
that by your teaching and example, they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead Christian lives?

I will.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy
church and serve as Christ's representatives
in the world?

I will.

Will you who sponsor *Kaida* and *Jacob* and
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and life and include these individuals now before you
in your care?

***With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.***

***We will surround Kaida and Jacob
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their service to others.***

***We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
You swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

You saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood You set in the clouds a rainbow.
When You saw Your people as slaves in Egypt,
You led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children You brought through the Jordan
to the land which You promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time You sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb,
He was baptized by John and anointed
by Your Spirit.

He called His disciples

to share in the baptism of His death and
resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

***Declare His works to the nations,
His glory among all the people.***

Pour out Your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they share in His final victory;

***All praise to You, Eternal Father,
through Your Son Jesus Christ,
who with You and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever.***

Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new brother and sister in Christ.

Through baptism

***you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation***

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

***With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ..***

