

Prelude *April (Snow Bell) from The Seasons* P. Tchaikovsky  
Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Passing of the Peace\* Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Call to Worship\* *\*Rise in body or spirit*

We gather to continue our Easter celebrations.  
**We gather in the presence of the risen Christ.**  
Let us hold fast to the task set before us  
**We continue the work that Jesus began.**

Opening Hymn\* *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH #57, verses 1-5, 7

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.**

**In Christ, your head, you then shall know,  
Shall feel your sins forgiven;  
Anticipate your heaven below,  
And own that love is heaven.**

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Children's Moments

Rev. Lou Seipel

After the conclusion of today's Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service. Nursery care for ages 0-3 yrs. will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see an usher for assistance.

Special Music

Glory to God (Whose Goodness Shines on Me)  
Chancel Choir and Narmina Aliyeva, piano

arr. Joel Raney

Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

A Covenant Prayer

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

**I am no longer my own but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee, or brought low by thee.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,  
thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it. Amen**

Prayer by John Wesley

Offering in Ministry and Gifts

Rev. Lou Seipel

Offertory Music

*I Speak Jesus*

CCLI #7136201

Tim Berridge & Friends

Doxology\*

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

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!**

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Offertory Prayer\*

**God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. May our joy be sustained in acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity. Let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen**

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:5-14

Rev. Lou Seipel

Sermon

"The Work of Christ"

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Closing Hymn\*

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

UMH #589

**The church of Christ, in every age  
Beset by change but Spirit-led,  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street,  
The victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat,  
And never live until they die.**

Then let the servant church arise,  
A caring church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
Can cure the fever in our blood,  
And teach us how to share our bread  
And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord,  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And spread his liberating word.

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Benediction\*

*We Are the Church*

UMH#558, verse 3

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!  
Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.  
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

Postlude

*Allegro from Symphony #6*  
Narmina Aliyeva

Ch.-M. Widor

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### Announcements

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Ellen Bonk and family. Happy Birthday Greg!

**Livestreamed Service:** The 10 am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

**Events today:** Early service, 9am • REC class, 9am • Regular service, 10am • Hospitality, 11am • Jubilee Ringers, 11:30am • Worthington Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1pm • Columbus Rings, 6pm • Impact, 6pm

**Weekly Offering (electronically):** Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>

**Refresh. Explore. Commit (REC) Classes:** Want to learn more about what Worthington UMC does in our community? Looking to brush up on your understanding of Communion? Ready to take the next step toward membership at Worthington UMC? Your pastors are excited to offer a new way to grow in your faith through our REC classes. This offering is for those looking to brush up on the fundamentals of our faith, who are curious about Christianity in general or Worthington UMC in particular, or who are exploring membership at Worthington UMC. Classes begin again today. Interested? Contact Rev. Dom ([dominic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dominic@worthingtonumc.com)).

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our next WUMC blood drive is on Thursday, April 25 from 12noon to 6pm. There is an urgent need for blood and platelets. To schedule an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org>

**The Carpenter's Helping Hands Spring Service Day – Saturday, April 27:** This is for those needing assistance with yard work and simple household chores. Volunteers are also needed. Both volunteers and those in need of help should contact Eric Oldenburg at 614-433-0862 or [ericoldenburg6@gmail.com](mailto:ericoldenburg6@gmail.com). There will be a Carpenter's Helping Hands table in the Ministry Hallway after the service today for signups.

**Worthington Chamber Orchestra Concert: May 5** at 5pm. “Stories from Worlds Old and New” illustrates the influence of American and Eastern European folk music traditions and culture on classical music. It also features the music of groundbreaking Serbian-born women composers written during the early 20th and early 21st centuries. Program: Ljubica Marić: Music for Orchestra; Bedřich Smetana: The Moldau; Vera Stanojevic: Echoes from Childhood (*world premiere*); Antonín Dvořák: Symphony No. 9 in E minor, op. 95 (“From the New World”). Tickets are available at the Chamber Orchestra website or at the door. Discounts are available for church members.

**Spring Fling @ Selby Park:** This all-church event will take place on **May 19** at 4pm in neighboring Selby Park. The church will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let the office know if you plan to attend.

**Next Week’s Lectionary:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**Keep us in the loop!** Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths. Contact Dom at [dominic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dominic@worthingtonumc.com) or Lou at [lou@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:lou@worthingtonumc.com)

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**Greeters:** Sally Falk, Jim Gahman, Sally Jordan, Kay Mollman, John Wolters, Ann Wheat

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**Audio & Visual Team:** Brian Wingerter, Jessica Sapp, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Craig Kramer

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