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Worship for April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

# Chorale Auf Meinen Lieben Gott BWV 646 (To My Beloved God) Narmina Aliyeva

J.S. Bach

Passing of the Peace\* Rev. Lou Seipel

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

The Spirit of the Lord asks us to get up and go!

Just say where and when.

Go to those who are in need of Good News, hope and love.

May God guide us every step of the way.

Opening Hymn\* Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH #158

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

To us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

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Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 22:25-31 Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Children's Moments Rev. Dom Short Mejia

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.

Jubilee Ringers

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

Season of Prayer Rev. Lou Seipel

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

A Covenant Prayer Rev. Lou Seipel

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. Dom Short Mejia

Offertory Music The Commission
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 8:26-40 Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Sermon "In This Together" Rev. Lou Seipel

Closing Hymn\* Go, Make of All Disciples UMH #571

"Go, make of all disciples."

We hear the call, O Lord,

That comes from thee.

Our Father, in thy eternal Word.

Inspire our ways of learning

Through earnest, fervent prayer,

And let our daily living

Reveal thee everywhere.

"Go, make of all disciples,"

Baptizing in the name

Of Father, Son, and Spirit,

From age to age the same.

We call each new disciple To follow thee, O Lord, Redeeming soul and body By water and the Word.

"Go, make of all disciples."
We at thy feet would stay
Until each life's vocation
Accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature
God plants in every heart,
Revealing in our witness
The master teacher's art.

"Go, make of all disciples."
We welcome thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always."
We take thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us;
We follow without fear;
In heaven and earth thy power
Shall bring God's kingdom here.

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Benediction\*
Benediction Response\*

We Are the Church

Rev. Lou Seipel UMH#558, verse 2

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!
We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.
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!

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Postlude

Praeludium & Fuge in F major BWV 556 Narmina Aliyeva J.S. Bach

#### **Announcements**

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: Altar flowers are provided by those who wish to celebrate or commemorate a person, family milestone, or special occasion. Please sign up at the flower donation chart by the round table.

<u>Livestreamed Service</u>: The 10 am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

<u>Events today</u>: 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

<u>Illuminati concert</u>: The sacred choral music ensemble Illuminati will be presenting their "Songs of the Spirit" concert at 2pm on **Sunday**, **May 19** in the Sanctuary. This is their annual full-length concert of sacred and spiritual music, and songs from monthly services at houses of worship. Tickets available online at the Illuminati website: <a href="https://www.cgmc.com/performances/">https://www.cgmc.com/performances/</a>

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.

Police Week Battle-(Blood Drive): In honor of Police Memorial Week, there will be an area blood drive in May. Hilliard, Dublin, Upper Arlington, and Norwich & Washington Townships will stage their own blood drive on a different day of the week to determine which community can donate the most blood. Worthington Fire and Police departments are sponsoring their blood drive here at WUMC on Thursday, May 16 from 10am-4pm. Contact RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code: Police. Donors will get a special Battle T-shirt and be entered in a weekly drawing for a Zipline experience gift certificate.



<u>Spring Fling @ Selby Park</u>: This all-church event will take place on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 19</u> at 4pm in neighboring Selby Park. The church will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Use the QR code to RSVP.



<u>UMC General Conference Recap and Discussion</u>: Pastors Lou & Dom will be presenting a recap and discussion of the United Methodist General Conference, which is being held April 23 through May 3 in Charlotte, NC. This recap will be held in Potter Chapel after the 10am Sunday services on **May 19** and **May 26**.

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 10:44-48; Psalms 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

<u>Keep us in the loop!</u> Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths. Contact Dom at <u>dominic@worthingtonumc.com</u> or Lou at <u>lou@worthingtonumc.com</u>

<u>Greeters</u>: Barb McCarthy, Nancy Endroi, Craig & Karen Fendrick, Lynn Hanna, Ellen Root, Ellen Stiner <u>Ushers</u>: Russ Line, Jon Edwards, Eric Hill, Al Hittepole, Jim Lawrence, Ron Root, Duane Snyder <u>Audio & Visual Team</u>: Brian Wingerter, Jessica Sapp, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Craig Kramer

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