

Prelude	<i>O Mensch beweine Dein Sünde Groß BWV 622</i> (O Man, bewail Thy Sin So Great) Narmina Aliyeva	J.S. Bach
Passing of the Peace*		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Call to Worship*		*Rise in body or spirit
Let us gather and hear the old stories once again. Holy Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds that we would hear your Word. Church, how will we know if the Word is from God? The Word of God will make us more perfect in our love of God and our neighbor. Let us worship the living, loving God. Let us be formed in God's love and restored in God's image.		
Opening Hymn*	<i>God of Love and God of Power</i>	UMH #578
God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; Give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; Slaves are we where'er we share that devotion anywhere. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.		
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Hebrew Bible Reading	Jonah 1:1-4,17, 2:1,11	Rev. Lou Seipel
Children's Message		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
(After the conclusion of today's Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3 rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.)		
Special Music	<i>The One Who Saves</i> Tim Berridge & Friends	CCLI #5636880
Collection of Prayer Cards		
Season of Prayer		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Prayer Response *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verse 7)

UMH #57

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

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739.

Offering of Ministry and Gifts

Offertory Music

He Keeps Me Singing

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Narmina Aliyeva

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*

Gracious and merciful God, receive the gifts we offer as a sign of our commitment to live into our calling as a community of hope, love and justice for this world. May these gifts be part of your own work in the world, creating a place where all your children and the whole of creation will flourish. Amen

Hebrew Bible Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10, 4:1-4,6-11

Rev. Lou Seipel

Sermon

"Lessons from Jonah"

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Closing Hymn*

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
May we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find.**

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Benediction*

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude

Fugue in G Major
Narmina Aliyeva

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Altar Flowers: Our altar flowers are provided by those who wish to honor or memorialize loved ones or to mark a special life event. If you wish to provide altar flowers, please sign up at the 2024 flower calendar by the round table right outside the sanctuary.

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

Events today: Refresh. Explore. Commit class, 9am • Early service, 9am • Regular service, 10am • Hospitality, 11am • Jubilee Ringers, 11:30am • Worthington Chamber orchestra rehearsal, 12:30pm • Impact, 6pm

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

2023 Year donations: Year-end giving statements are being prepared and will be available before the end of January. If you haven't indicated on your 2024 commitment form, please let the office know if you prefer your statement sent only by email, otherwise your year-end statement will be printed and mailed to you.

Refresh. Explore. Commit 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? We now offer a new way to grow in your faith through our “Refresh. Explore. Commit.” 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 WUMC. Each month, we will offer the same four classes on rotation at **9am on Sundays in the Conference Room**. Church members, guests, and potential new members are invited to attend. Potential new members are asked to attend each of the four classes. You are welcome to go through the process at your own pace (meaning you don't have to attend all four classes in one month), and alternative arrangements can be made for those who are unable to make 9am on Sundays work. Contact Pastor Dom for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Give Blood, Give Hope, Give Life. The American Red Cross sounded the alarm recently over a severe blood shortage facing the U.S. as the number of donors dropped to the lowest levels in two decades. The Red Cross said that the number of people donating blood in the U.S. dropped 40% over the last 20 years, which can majorly disrupt those needing emergency blood transfusions and other operations. The organization added there was a 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations between Christmas Day and New Year's Day alone. WUMC is having their blood drive on Thursday, January 25, noon to 6pm. All donors will be automatically entered into a drawing for a trip for 2 to this year's NFL Super Bowl in Las Vegas, game tickets, hotel accommodations, and a \$1K gift card. **To schedule an appointment, go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org> or call 800-733-2767.**

Winter Game Night: Join us on **Sunday, January 28**, from 4pm-6pm for a church-wide Winter Game Night! We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a crockpot potluck (another chance to be a winner of our Golden Spoon Award!) and board games! We will kick-off with a few rounds of playing bingo together, then the rest of the evening will be spent playing card or board games of your choice! We will have a variety to start with, but invite you to bring your favorite to share! We also encourage you to bring a crockpot dish, and it can be whatever type of dish you'd like. If you have questions, contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

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

Next Week's Lectionary: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Greeters: Sally Falk, Jim Gahman, Sally Jordan, Jerry & Liz Knorr, Kay Mollman, John Wolters, Ann Wheat

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