

Christ-Centered. Engaged in Community.
Sharing God's Love.
Worship for July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude I Want to be There arr. Dana F. Everson
The Nexus Saxophone Quartet

Passing of the Peace* *Rise in body or in spirit

Call to Worship* Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Because of Jesus, humanity and divinity are no longer alien.

Because of Jesus, we know what love looks like.

We gather to worship in the hope that everything we do might reflect Christ.

From baptisms to funerals, from communion to weddings, all tell the story of God's grace.

Let us worship the living God.

Opening Hymn* It Is Well with My Soul UMH #377

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my sou.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:19-22 Rev. Lou Seipel

Children's Moments Rev. Lou Seipel

Special Music Because He Lives arr. Bill Wolaver

Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Season of Prayer Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Prayer of St. Francis UMH #481

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century.

Offering in Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Lou Seipel

Offertory Music Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach arr. Bill Holcombe Jr

The Nexus Saxophone Quartet

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!

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Offertory Prayer*

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Gospel Reading* John 2:1-11 Rev. Lou Seipel

Sermon "Why We Do What We Do-Weddings" Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Closing Hymn* Just A Closer Walk with Thee The Faith We Sing #2158

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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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 Gospel Medley arr. Keith Young
The Nexus Saxophone Quartet

Announcements

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: The flowers on the altar are given by Dana Hehmeyer and family in memory of Donald Hehmeyer.

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

<u>Events today</u>: Early service (Potter Chapel), 9am ● Regular service, 10am ● Hospitality, 11am ● UWIF Trifles N' Treasures planning 11:30am Fellowship Hall

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

<u>Guest Musicians</u>: The Nexus Saxophone Quartet is composed of veteran music educators and performers from central Ohio. With a shared passion for the saxophone, these musicians have dedicated themselves to the art of saxophone quartet performance. Known for their versatile repertoire, The Nexus Saxophone Quartet strives to highlight the timeless beauty of the saxophone quartet genre as well as champion contemporary music by performing new compositions. Among these works is the mesmerizing piece *Day Today* which was composed for the Nexus Quartet by noted composer Hye Young Kim. Through their commitment to embracing innovative compositions, their goal is to contribute to the growth and evolution of the saxophone quartet genre. Members of the quartet, Ryan Alexis, Rob Cebriak, Matt Guirreri, and Don Nathan, have over 100 combined years of serving the music education community in central Ohio and beyond.

<u>Sunday Coffee Mugs</u>: WUMC is committed to conserving our natural resources and sustainability. As a first step, we have begun offering reusable coffee mugs in addition to disposable paper cups for your use during the 11am hospitality hour in Dixon Lounge.

<u>Red Cross Blood Drive</u>: The need for blood continues through the summer months. Please help give LIFE and be a force for good by donating life-saving blood products at our next Red Cross Blood donor event on **Thursday**, **July 25**, noon-6pm in South Fellowship Hall. Sign up online by reserving your spot at redcross.org and enter sponsor code: WorthUMC.

<u>Explorations Day Camp July 29-August 1</u>: This is a day camp experience focused on organizations serving the local community: Seminary Hill Farm, Sunrise Animal Sanctuary, Westerville Area Resource Ministry, and one day at the church supporting Mat Ministry, Operation Sandwich, and Riverside Sewing Guild. Lunch is provided. Ages: incoming 4th graders to incoming 7th graders. 10am until 2pm. The cost is \$30 per child. Contact Ashley for more information, ashley@worthingtonumc.com

<u>2nd Quarterly Giving Statements</u> were emailed out the first week of July. If we do not have an email address for you or you've requested paper statements, expect your mailed statement to arrive by July 10. Please note that donations received on Sunday, June 30 will be deposited and recorded in July, so they will NOT show on your 2nd Quarter statement.

<u>Worthington Farmer's Market</u>: Saturdays, now through August 31, 8am-Noon. Volunteers are needed to help at our Hospitality Table on the front lawn. We offer chairs and water, plus info about our church programs and activities.

Next Week's Lectionary: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

<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>: Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George <u>Ushers</u>: Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rob Kidder, Judy Mayhew, Barb McCarthy, Linda Meyers <u>Audio & Visual Team</u>: Brian Wingerter, Jessica Sapp, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Craig Kramer

Worthington UMC Staff

<u>Pastoral:</u> Rev. Louise R. Seipel, Rev. Dominic Short Mejia, Rev. Cal Holloway, Ashley Gerard <u>Administrative:</u> Mindy Go, Jessica Sapp, Dennis Yep

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