

Prelude

*Partita: O Gott, du frommerGott BWV 767
(O God, You Righteous God)
Narmina Aliyeva*

J.S. Bach

Passing of the Peace*

Rev. Lou Seipel

Call to Worship*

* *Rise in body or spirit*

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—
**a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—
**a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—
**all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun.

Opening Hymn*

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

UMH #163

**Ask ye what great thing I know,
That delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

**Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
Healing its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

**Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
With the countless hosts of light?
Jesus, Christ, the crucified.**

**This is that great thing I know;
This delights and stirs me so:**

Faith in him who died to save,
Him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

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Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 47

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Receiving Andrew and Elizabeth Page; Baptizing Henry David Page and Evelyn Ann Page

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 children 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 these children 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal God: 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 may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

Reception of New Members

Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

Children's Moments

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

After the conclusion of today's Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3rd 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.

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.

Offering in Ministry and Gifts

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Offertory Music

I Will Rise

CCLI #51834590

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 1:1-11

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Sermon

"Can I Have a Witness?"

Rev. Lou Seipel

Closing Hymn*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH #327

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,

Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways

From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet

Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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Benediction*

Rev. Lou Seipel

Benediction Response*

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!

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Postlude

Nicht Schnell from *Four Sketches*
Narmina Aliyeva

R. Schumann

Announcements

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Frank Birinyi, in memory of Abigail Mary Scott.

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

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

Sustainability Task Force Informational Meeting: An informational meeting will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday, May 15** in Dixon Lounge about the newly formed sustainability task force. The group focuses on environmentally sustainable practices and programs that can be established here at Worthington UMC. If you are interested, we would love to see you there!

Spring Fling @ Selby Park: This all-church event will take place on **Sunday, 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. Use the QR code to RSVP.



UMC General Conference Recap and Discussion: Pastors Lou & Dom will be presenting a recap and discussion of the United Methodist General Conference, which was 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**.

Illuminati - Songs of the Spirit concert, May 19 @2pm: This is Illuminati's annual full-length concert of sacred and spiritual music, and songs from monthly services at houses of worship that invited Illuminati to sing. Tickets <https://www.cgmc.com/performances/>

Police Week Battle Blood Drive: In honor of Police Memorial Week, there will be an area blood drive in May. Worthington Fire and Police departments are sponsoring their blood drive here at Worthington UMC on **Thursday, May 16 from 10am-4pm**. Donors will get a special Battle T-shirt and be entered in a weekly drawing for a Zipline experience gift certificate. Contact RedCrossBlood.org to make your appointment by entering the sponsor code: Police.

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21; Psalms 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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

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