



# Worthington

United Methodist Church

*Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.*  
10:00am Worship for April 26, 2026  
**4th Sunday of Easter**

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Prelude	<i>Grave from Sonata # 2</i> Narmina Aliyeva	F. Mendelssohn
Opening Voluntary	<i>Easter Triumph</i> Jubilee Ringers	Dan R. Edwards
Anthem	<i>Sing Hosanna</i> Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and Narmina Aliyeva, piano	Michael Jothan
Passing of the Peace*		
Call to Worship*		Gia Livingston <i>*Rise in body or in spirit</i>
	Make a joyful noise to the Lord! <b>Come into God's presence with singing!</b> Know that the Lord, who made us, is God. <b>We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.</b> Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise! <b>Give thanks and bless God's name!</b>	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	UMH #158
Psalm	Psalm 23	Gia Livingston
Special Music	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> <i>Worthy</i> Children's Choir	arr. Stacey Nordmeyer arr. Mark Patterson Mark Burrows
Children's Moments		Gia Livingston <i>Nursery care for ages 0-3 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis in room 304. Children's Church will resume next week.</i>
Special Music	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> <i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> Children's Bell Choir	arr. Anna Laura Page arr. Anna Laura Page

New Testament Reading	Acts 2:42-47	Rev. Jennifer Casto
Special Music	<i>Before There Was Time</i> Jarod Ogier, Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, Emily Stuart	Aaron Senseman CCLI# 3420184
<i>Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.</i>		
Season of Prayer		Rev. Jennifer Casto
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	<i>I Thank God</i> Children's Choir with Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, Emily Stuart, Jarod Ogier	Moses/Butler/Bowe Holmes/Cline/George CCLI# 7169680
Offerings in Ministries and Gifts		Rev. Jennifer Casto
Offertory Music	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i> Chancel Choir and Narmina Aliyeva, piano	Kyle Pederson
Doxology*	<i>Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Offertory Prayer	<p><b>Wonderful God of Resurrection, you have raised Jesus from the dead and filled us once again with joy. We thank you for fulfilling your promise of new life. May these gifts and offerings we bring help to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the world. Bless these gifts that others may know new life. In the name of the Risen Savior. Amen.</b></p>	
Anthem	<i>This is a Day for Rising</i> Chancel Choir and Jubilee Ringers with Narmina Aliyeva, piano	Joseph Martin
New Testament Reading	1 Peter 2:19-25	Gia Livingston
Special Music	<i>Restless</i> Emily Campbell, Tim Byrer, Jarod Ogier, Emily Stuart	Audrey Assad/Matt Maher CCLI# 5762008
An Invitation to Music Ministry		Jarod Ogier
Anthem	<i>Have You Heard?</i> Chancel Choir and Narmina Aliyeva, piano	Jantz Black
Gospel Reading*	John 10:1-10	Rev. Jennifer Casto
Anthem	<i>Gratitude</i> Jubilee Ringers	Alex Guebert
Closing Hymn*	<i>And Are We Yet Alive</i>	UMH #553

Benediction\*

Rev. Jennifer Casto

**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

*Sun and Wind Scherzo*

Malcolm Archer

Narmina Aliyeva

Acolytes: Samuel, Everett, and Kennedy Hoepf

Greeters: Nancy Endroi, Craig & Karen Fendrick, Lynn Hanna, Ellen Root, Ellen Stiner

Ushers: Russ Line, Eric Hill, Al Hittepole, Nate Niese, Ron Root, Duane Snyder, John Trakas

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

### Announcements

**Altar Flowers**: The altar flowers are given in remembrance or celebration. Please visit the sign up beside the round table and sign up for Altar Flowers for 2026.

**Livestreamed Service**: The 10:00am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

**Events today**: Worship service (Sanctuary) 10:00am • Jubilee Ringers (Fellowship Hall) 11:30am • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm • Impact (Potter Chapel) 6:00pm

**Interested in Membership at WUMC?** Contact Pastor Jennifer or Pastor Dom today! You may also contact the church office at [office@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:office@worthingtonumc.com).

**UMCOR Sunday**: Today, we as a congregation are participating in a United Methodist Special Sunday. That is UMCOR Sunday, which supports the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is that arm of our denomination that provides aid to areas of our country and the world that have been hit by natural disasters, war, famine, and so forth. Today is our opportunity to contribute to this important work. We invite you to make a generous contribution on that Sunday by using the QR code, or by designating "UMCOR" on your check or envelope.



**VBS 2026 - Time to register**: We are actively getting our VBS plans in place, so now is the time to sign-up! If you know your child plans to attend, please go ahead and register now so we can begin anticipating our numbers for supplies and volunteer needs! You can register through the QR code. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Gerard at [ashley@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashley@worthingtonumc.com)



**We invite you to An Evening of Violin Music**: On Saturday, May 9th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, Narmina Aliyeva and Leonid Polonsky will be performing works by Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Kreisler. The recital is free to attend; no tickets are required. A free will offering supporting WUMC Ministries will be collected during the concert.

**Church-Wide Spring Fling:** Our annual Spring Fling is coming up on Sunday, May 3rd from 4pm-6pm. Join us at Selby Park in Worthington where we will have a cookout + potluck, games, and outdoor space to gather in fellowship! The church will provide hot dogs and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share! If you have not been there, there is also a wonderful playground in addition to open green space. There is a small shelter house where we will keep our food and have indoor tables set up, with a few picnic tables under a covered roof. If you'd like to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and extra outdoor games to share, please do! You can find more details and can RSVP via the QR Code. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Gerard at [ashley@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashley@worthingtonumc.com).



**Faith and Film:** This new class begins May 3! Join Pastor Dom for five Sundays of movies and discussion exploring the big themes of our faith. Screenings start promptly at 12:30pm. in Room 313; discussion at 3:00pm in Allen Lounge. Drop in for any session—no commitment to attend all five. Sign up via the QR Code or email [dominic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dominic@worthingtonumc.com).



**Next Week's Lectionary:** Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

**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 Jennifer at [Jennifer@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:Jennifer@worthingtonumc.com)

### **Worthington UMC Staff**

**Pastoral:** Rev. Jennifer Casto, Rev. Dominic Short Mejia, Ashley Gerard

**Administrative:** Mindy Go, Jennie Hayes, Danielle Wright

**Facilities:** Eddie Jarrell, Kelvin Poole

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