



Worthington

United Methodist Church

Christ-Centered. Engaged in Community.
Sharing God's Love.
10:00am Worship for May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

Prelude *Sechs Lieder ohne Worte, Op. 19 no.1* Felix Mendelssohn
Hannah King-Boyles

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship* adapted from Psalm 23 Rev. Dom Short Mejia
**Rise in body or in spirit*

The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

God makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside still waters.

The Lord restores our souls.

God leads us in right paths.

Even though we walk through the darkest valley,

We will fear no evil.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,

And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Opening Hymn* *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

New Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17 Rev. Tad Grover

Special Music *You're the Best Mom for Me* Mark and Helen Johnson
Children's Choir

Children's Moments Rev. Tad Grover
After the conclusion of 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 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see an usher for assistance.

Special Music *A Rightful Place* Steve Angrisano
Jarod Ogier, TIm Byrer, Emily Campbell, Emily Stuart (CCLI #7007170)
Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer Rev. Tad Grover
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Tad Grover

Offertory Music

2nd Gymnopédie

Erik Satie

Hannah King-Boyles

Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Offertory Prayer

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.

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Sermon

“Who Are We? People of Charity”

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Closing Hymn*

All Who Love and Serve Your City

UMH #433

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

Von fremden Ländern und Menschen

Robert Schumann

Hannah King-Boyles

Acolytes: Samuel, Everett, & Kennedy Hoepf

Greeters: Barb McCarthy, 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, Eric Hess, Craig Kramer

Worthington UMC Staff

Pastoral: Rev. Tad Grover, Rev. Dominic Short Mejia, Ashley Gerard

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Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Frank Birinyi in memory of Catherine Wood.

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

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9:00am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10:00am • Jubilee Ringers (Fellowship Hall) 11:30am • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm

Weekly Offering (electronically): Scan the QR code or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>



VBS Donations: We are looking for donations of Legos and Duplo blocks. These can be used or new. Any variety of color or figures are welcome! **Volunteers:** Shepherds are adult chaperones who travel from station-to-station with their assigned group to help make sure everyone gets to the stations safely! **Kitchen Clean-up** will be in addition to our team of volunteers who are cooking dinner each night. We are looking for volunteers to help our kitchen by running the dishwasher and assisting with clean-up. Both positions are needed each night, and welcome volunteers to sign up for the amount of nights they are able to serve. Please e-mail Ashley Gerard if you are interested at ashley@worthingtonumc.com.

WUMC Photo Directory: We are creating a Photo Directory which will be out later this year. The photos will be taken in Fellowship Hall. To sign up, please visit the welcome desk in the foyer or use the QR Code. There is only day left –Tuesday, May 13, 5-8pm! If you haven't signed up but would like your photo taken - please simply show up! If you are unable to come and you would like to be included in the directory - please submit a photo to Office@worthingtonumc.com If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office



2025 West Ohio Annual Conference Volunteers: The 2025 West Ohio Annual Conference session is approaching, and we need your help to make it a success! We are seeking volunteers to assist with various roles during the conference, which will be held from May 28 to May 31, 2025, at Capital University in Bexley, Ohio. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and connect with fellow members of our United Methodist community. To sign up for a volunteer slot, please visit our SignUpGenius using the QR Code. Your participation is vital to the conference's success, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to serve.



Music Sunday May 18th: Sunday, May 18th we will have our worship service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. This worship service will highlight the gifts of our many skilled musicians we have here at the church. We will also have our 9:00am service in Potter Chapel, but it will be more musical. Please join us at either service on May 18th and celebrate our gifted musicians.

Summer Camp registration is open!: VBS, Explorations, and ReachOut registrations are now open! **VBS** is offered for children 3 years (must be potty trained)-incoming 3rd grade, and will happen at the church 5:30pm-8pm the week of June 9-13! **Explorations** is an outreach-focused day camp for students who will be incoming 4th grade-incoming 7th grade, and will be the week of July 28th-July 31st, meeting 10am-2pm each day. Details and registration for both camps can be found at <https://worthingtonumc.com/childrens-programs>. If your child is an incoming 8th grader through a graduating senior, we attend **ReachOut** church camp as a youth group in Lakeside, Ohio. ReachOut is July 13-19, and you can find more details and registration at their website, reachoutcamp.com. For questions on any of these camps, please contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

Everyday Grace Bags Donations Needed: Over 200 bags have been distributed into the community since Rally Day in mid-September. Bags are available for weekly pickup next to Dixon Lounge. Items are still needed for our Everyday Grace Bags: Chapstick, deodorant, hand, sanitizers, small, combs, or brushes, water, toothbrushes, toothpaste and we can always use granola bars and bags of nuts. You may donate them in the church foyer by Dixon Lounge.

Bags of Blessings: In May we are collecting items for the Bags of Blessings for Gates Fourth. Please return the bags by Sunday, May 25th. Please drop off items for Bags of Blessings in the bins in the office. This month we are collecting: Cereal (small boxes), Peanuts or Trail Mix, Tuna (with pop-tabs), Ensure or similar small drinks, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Detergent, Kleenex (small packs), Lip Balm, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Bath Soap, Shampoo, and Socks. If you would like to volunteer to transport the monthly Bags of Blessings collections to their donation points, please contact Pastor Dom.

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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

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