



Worthington

United Methodist Church

Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.
10:00am Worship for May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

Prelude *Claire de Lune* S. Karg-Elert
Narmina Aliyeva

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship* Rev. Jennifer Casto
**Rise in body or in spirit*

Mystery of God, draw us near.
Fill our minds with awe!
Wisdom of God, surprise us.
Encourage us with hope.
Glory of God, shine through our lives.
Reveal your power and your glory!
In the mystery, the wisdom, and the glory of God,
Let us Worship!

Opening Hymn* *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH #173

First Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Gia Livingston

Children's Moments Rev. Dom Short Mejia
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 *We Celebrate the Morning* arr. Faye López
Chancel Choir and Narmina Aliyeva, piano
Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer Gia Livingston
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Offertory Music	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> Narmina Aliyeva	arr. J. Carter
Doxology*	<i>Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Offertory Prayer	<p>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.</p>	
New Testament Reading	Acts 1:1-11	Rev. Jennifer Casto
Sermon	“Don’t Just Stand There, Do Something”	Rev. Jennifer Casto
Closing Hymn*	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	UMH#327
Benediction*		Rev. Jennifer Casto
	<p>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.</p>	
Postlude	<i>Variation XI from Partita "Sei gergrusset, Jesu gutig" BWV 768</i> (Hail Thee Jesus, Kind of Heart) Narmina Aliyeva	J.S. Bach

Acolytes: Liam Anderegg

Greeters: Ralph & Pam Vaughn, Deborah Hayden, Marty Schwarz Jacob, Ellen Koch, Cathy Taylor

Ushers: Keith Stimpert, Linda Karr, Margaret Logan, Mev Mielke, Dorba Mezger, Tanna Stewart, Lesly Wade

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

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given in memory of Abigail Scott.

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 • Faith and Film (Room 313) 12:30pm • Faith and Film Discussion (Allen Lounge) 3:00pm • 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.

Celebrating Mindy Go: today after the 10:00am service, we will thank Mindy Go, who is retiring as our church financial manager and (as she puts it) stepping into the role of “voluntold.”

VBS 2026 - Time to register: The deadline to register for VBS is this Friday, May 22nd. You can register through the QR code. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com.



Volunteers Needed at Annual Conference: The West Ohio Annual Conference will be held at Capital University in Bexley, Wednesday evening, May 27th – Saturday morning, May 30th. Volunteers are needed to welcome attendees, usher, drive golf carts, operate cameras, and direct traffic. Parking is free and easy at Capital, and specific instructions will be provided. Volunteer with a friend – it's always a fun event! For more information and to sign up for an available shift, visit the QR Code.



Give Them Grace Concert: In June 2026, the youth choir and ringers from Church of the Saviour United Methodist in Cincinnati, Ohio offer an energetic message of hope and endurance through music and testimony. Mission Tour 2026 takes this group to the East Coast through Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The junior and senior high students who volunteer their time to participate in these choirs are committed to sharing their faith through work at mission sites and celebrating worship through music. Based on Matthew 7:11-12, this year's program is entitled Give Them Grace and encourages listeners to live a life that is grace-filled. We are the first stop on the Choir Tour for 2026. On May 31st at 7:00pm, please join us in the Sanctuary for the Give Them Grace Concert!

Host Families Needed: We're looking for hosts to house youth choral singers (grades 7-12) and their adult leaders on Sunday, May 31-June 1. The singers are from Church of the Saviour UMC in Cincinnati and they'll be giving a concert at WUMC on May 31 at 7:00pm. Hosts would join us for dinner at 5:30pm at Worthington UMC, followed by the concert at 7:00pm, then take their assigned singers (along with luggage) home immediately after the concert to share a snack, enjoy some conversation, and provide a place to sleep and shower. On Monday morning, June 1, hosts would offer breakfast to their singers and return them to the church by 7:30am. If you can offer this hospitality or would like more information, please contact Jarod Ogier, Director of Music, at jarod.ogier@gmail.com.

VBS Kitchen Clean Up: We are looking for volunteers to help our kitchen by running the dishwasher and assisting with clean-up after dinners during VBS. Please e-mail Ashley Gerard if you are interested at ashley@worthingtonumc.com.

High School Scholarship Opportunity: Each year, high school seniors who are church members and will be attending college in the fall are able to apply for a scholarship on behalf of our church. These students must be active participants in our church programming and in community service opportunities outside of the church. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Ashley Gerard for an application at ashley@worthingtonumc.com

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

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

Worthington UMC Staff

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

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