

Prelude

*Pastorale in F Major BWV 590*  
Narmina Aliyeva, piano

J.S. Bach

Passing of the Peace\*

Call to Worship\*

Rev. Lou Seipel  
*\*Rise in body or spirit*

Loving God, we come this morning  
seeking to abide in your presence.  
**Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,  
that we may know how to live as your people.**  
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,  
that we may love all your people with a love  
that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace.  
**May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you.**  
Thanks be to God, we worship the One who  
loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness.  
Amen.

Opening Hymn\*

*What Gift Can We Bring* (vs. 1-3)

UMH #87

**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
What song can we offer in honor and praise?**

**Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**

**Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
The Word is our promise always, forever,  
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.**

Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 15

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Children's Moments

Rev. Lou Seipel

*(After the conclusion of the Children's moments, children 4 years old-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service)*

Special Music

*As For Me*  
Tim Berridge and Friends

CCLI #7168696

*Prayer cards will be collected*

Season of Prayer

Rev. Lou Seipel

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Offertory Music

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Tim Byrer, Erin Angel, and Emily Campbell with Narmina Aliyeva, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology\*

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!

Offertory Prayer\*

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, you have said that whatever we give is acceptable if we give it eagerly.

Help us to bring our offerings with an eager heart as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Gospel Reading\*

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Sermon

"Perspective"

Rev. Lou Seipel

Closing Hymn\*

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

UMH #712

I sing a song of the saints of God,

Patient and brave and true,

Who toiled and fought and lived and died

For the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,

And one was a shepherdess on the green;

They were all of them saints of God,

And I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,

And his love made them strong;

And they followed the right for Jesus' sake

The whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
And one was a slain by a fierce wild beast;  
And there's not any reason, no not the least,  
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;  
There are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
In church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
They are saints of God, whether rich or poor,  
And I mean to be one too.

Benediction\*

Rev. Lou Seipel

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*  
Narmina Aliyeva, organ

M. Archer

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### **Announcements**

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

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

**Meetings today:** Focus Groups on Mission, Vision, and Core Values after 10am Worship in the Sanctuary; **WUWIF** Yearbook Committee at 12pm in the church library.

**New Member Course:** Membership at WUMC is a commitment to offering your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to the work of God in the world through the ministries of our congregation. In return, the WUMC community commits to nurturing and supporting you in your journey of loving God and loving your neighbor. We are thrilled to offer our next New Member course! To learn more about membership at WUMC, email Pastor Dom at [dominic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dominic@worthingtonumc.com). The new member course will begin meeting at in February, with members joining the church in March.

**Winter Game Night:** Join us on Sunday, February 26 from 4pm-6pm for a church-wide Winter Game Night! Bring your favorite crock-pot dish to share, and your favorite board or card game! We will kick-off the event with everyone playing Bingo together, then spend the rest of the evening playing a variety of games of your choosing while sharing food and fellowship. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Ashley at [ashley@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashley@worthingtonumc.com)

**Lenten Study:** This Lent, Worthington UMC will offer two ways to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect with others. Starting Feb. 26, **Sunday mornings at 9am** in the Browning Lounge, we will be reading and discussing the book *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross* by Rev. Magrey DeVega. Starting Feb. 27, **Monday evenings at 7pm** on Zoom, Rev. Dom will be leading a **Foundry Group**. Foundry Groups are based on the earliest form of Methodist ministry; wherein small groups would gather for spiritual support as they sought to live faithfully. Starting Feb. 29, **Wednesday afternoons at 1pm** in the Conference Room, Rev. Lou will be offering either **an additional book discussion or an additional Foundry Group**, depending on interest from the congregation. To sign-up for any (or all!) of these offerings, please use visit the church office or contact the church to share which offerings you'd like to attend.

**Confirmation class 2023:** Our membership class for youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older has begun! This is a great opportunity for youth to transition their faith from stories they heard as children to considering how it can relate to their daily life in practice. We will meet every other week through March, with our Confirmation Sunday happening in April. We will gather for lunch and discussion 11:30am-12:30pm after worship services. If you are interested, please contact Ashley for more information at [ashley@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashley@worthingtonumc.com)

**Friendship & Attendance Card:** Let us know you are here this morning by filling out our Friendship & Attendance card or use our virtual card! Go to <https://forms.gle/x31z6SFh1zFiasTn9>

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalms 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

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**Greeters:** Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George

**Ushers:** Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rob Kidder, Judy Mayhew, Barb McCarthy, Linda Meyers

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

#### **Worthington UMC Staff**

**Pastoral:** Rev. Louise R. Seipel, Rev. Dominic Short Mejia, Rev. Cal Holloway, Ashley Gerard

**Administrative:** Mindy Go, Jessica Sapp, Dennis Yep

**Facilities:** Eddie Jarrell, Kelvin Poole

**Music:** Jarod Ogier, Tim Berridge, Erin Angel, Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, Emily Phillips, and Narmina Aliyeva (piano, organ)

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