

Prelude *Adagio e dolce from Sonata #3* J. S. Bach
Narmina Aliyeva

Passing of the Peace* Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Call to Worship* Rev. Dom Short Mejia
*Rise in body or in spirit

O Lord, you have searched us and known us
You know our lying down and our rising up
How weighty to us are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
We come to the end
We are still with you.

Opening Hymn* *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH #117
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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Hebrew Bible Reading 1 Samuel 2:7-10 Rev. Lou Seipel

Children's Moments Rev. Lou Seipel
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 *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir and Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Season of Prayer Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Lou Seipel

Offertory Music

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, Jarod Ogier

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Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #94

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

Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Just as you called Lazarus from the tomb, call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your Kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading*

Mark 13:1-8

Rev. Lou Seipel

Sermon

"Apocalyptic"

Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Closing Hymn*

God Be with You till We Meet Again

UMH #672

**God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
Neath his wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

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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

Venite!
Narmina Aliyeva

J. Leavitt

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are from Brian, Amy and Audrey Wingerter in memory of Hal Wingerter, beloved father and grandfather.

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

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9am • Mission foci listening session (Browning) 9:30am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10am • Hospitality (Dixon Lounge) 11am • Sunday Serve (Dixon Lounge) 11:30am • Jubilee Ringers (Sanctuary) 11:30am • Columbus Chamber Orchestra concert (Sanctuary) 5pm • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6pm

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

Upper Room 2025 Disciplines Daily Devotional: Orders are now being taken for this daily devotional book. The regular size book is \$14, and the large-print edition is \$16. Place your orders in the church office. Orders will be taken through November with delivery in December.

Agape Meal: The Agape meal (or Lovefeast) is an ancient Christian practice dating back to the first century AD, and a common part of early Methodist culture. It was a ceremonial meal of simple elements (often just bread and water) where congregants were able to enjoy fellowship while singing hymns, read and discuss scripture, and deepen their faith through testimonials. We are looking to create a group to study the history of the Agape meal, in order to create our own version of the ceremony to begin practicing at WUMC. We will next meet **November 20 at 6pm**. Please contact Drake Ogden by email at drake.ogden@yahoo.com if you are interested to RSVP, so that we have enough materials for everyone.

Discipleship and Involvement Fair: Looking for a way to get more involved in our work as a congregation? Looking to build friendships and grow in your faith as you serve God and your neighbor? On **November 24**, beginning at 9:30am and resuming again after 10am worship, we'll be hosting a Discipleship and Involvement Fair outside the sanctuary. Enjoy some popcorn, cookies, and coffee and peruse the many ways we're involved inside and outside our building. Learn how to get started singing in the choir or ringing in the bell choir without prior musical experience. Browse samples of the Advent small group materials and get signed up for a group. See what it takes to be an usher or greeter. Find a way to meet people's material needs in a way that aligns with your skills and interests. This is a great place to learn, ask questions, and find something to commit to.

Advent Small Groups: Worthington UMC will again be offering small groups to study and reflect on poetry, scripture commentary, and visual art from A Sanctified Art's Advent material. This year's theme is "Words for the Beginning". We will be offering three of these small groups beginning December 1. Join us on Mondays at 1 pm in the Dixon Lounge; Mondays at 7pm on Zoom; and Sundays at 9 am in the library. Sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/SZMKPFFDZFt5eXUR8>

Christmas Holiday Luncheon: **December 7 11:15-2pm**, sponsored by United Women in Faith. The theme is "Shine Your Light on the World; Let Love Lead the Way". Tickets (\$10) are at sales table in lobby or in the church office. Meat and Vegetable lasagna and gluten-free options are available.

Christmas Poinsettia Plant Sale: Christmas poinsettia plants can be ordered today and on December 1 and 8. Order forms are in your bulletin or at the church office. A sales table is in the church lobby.

Mission Foci Listening sessions: The Leadership Board will be hosting listening sessions on areas in ministry where we'd like to intentionally direct our energy, resources, and presence to make a positive impact in our community. These listening sessions will take place **today** at 9:30 am in the Browning Lounge and Sunday, **December 8** after 10:00 worship in Potter Chapel. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Dom with questions.

Worthington Resource Pantry: This holiday season, we will once again be collecting full-size personal hygiene items for the Worthington Resource Pantry. Beginning today, we will have a table set up each Sunday morning where you can pick up a bag and a list of the most needed items. The individual items will be used to stock the shelves at the Resource Pantry, so any or all of the items on the list can be donated. Also, we will accept donations, if you would like us to do the shopping for you. Please bring in all items by December 15th.

Next Week's Lectionary: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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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