

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 21, 2023
10:45am

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Frekoba

Traditional Nigerian

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rona Havasapian, Liturgist

My Lord, what a morning!

You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people.

And we are strong, proud, and yours.

My Lord, what a morning!

You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

And we are strong, proud, brave and yours.

My Lord, this morning, we have come to celebrate you,

To affirm ourselves as images of you in all your glory and to say

"Yes, Lord, we are strong, proud, brave, and yours in every way."

We count it all joy!

*OPENING HYMN *Siyahamba* TFWS # 2235

Verse 1 - Choir (Zulu) Verse 2 - All (English)

*OPENING PRAYER

God of every thought and reality,

the holy, prophetic sustainer of community,

we gather here today as your people,

children of the good news.

Assure us of your presence once again,

that we may trust the mystery of life and growth,

as we gather in the name of our Savior,

who is Jesus, the Christ.

Hear us now as we come together in the words of the prayer our Lord taught us:

THE LORDS PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *And Are We Yet Alive* UMH #553
v 1, 3, 4

SERMON

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God has blessed us with the glory of love and light, so God invites us to share these gifts to light God's world.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *O Lord, Our Lord (Psalm 8)* Larry Shakley

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE UMH #95

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we come now to offer our talents, our hearts, our love – our everything. You continue to make a way when there doesn't seem to be one. You ask that we lay everything on the altar and be made whole. Lord, we do. Bless, keep, mold, shape, heal us in every way.
Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* UMH # 404

*BENEDICTION

Today is all we have.

We will rejoice,

we will be renewed

and we will learn from the past,

cherish today, and

welcome the future

because you have given us a powerful and sacred history.

We will teach and learn,

speak and listen,

and grow strong every day of every month. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

A Place at the Table

Lori True

Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

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*Please stand as you are able.

Visitors are warmly welcomed!

Thanks to all those making special *contributions to our worship service today*;
Rona Havasapian, *Liturgist*; TJ & Karen Fimmano, *Greeters and Ushers*;
Shannon Cobb, *AV Technician*.

The Prayer Corner

Our prayers continue for Bob Asman in this time of transition after Martha's passing; for God's comfort and healing for Linda Bailey's daughter, Denise; for continued peace in the Ukraine; for our church in this time of transition; Congratulations and prayers for all the graduating, college students and their future endeavors

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 27

WUMC Tag Sale, 8am-2pm

Sunday, May 28

Celebrating our Graduates

June 6-14

Ecuador Mission Trip 2023

Sunday, June 18

Celebration of Pastor Michael's time at WUMC, details TBA

Wednesdays are Bell and Choir practices!

Bells 6:30-7:15pm, Choir at 7:15-8pm

Bible Study on Sunday at 9am and Tuesdays via zoom at 6:30

Ecuador Mission Trip

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Thin Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Construction Paper
- Colored Paper
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Books - Basic English Reading
- Educational & Christmas Stickers
- Notebooks
- Children's Coloring Books
- Biblical Coloring Books



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES

NEEDED :

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Adult Doses
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Children's Doses
- Ibuprofen (Advil) Adult & Children's Doses
- Adult Multivitamins
- Children's Chewable Vitamins
- Clotrimazole (Topical)- i.e. Lotrimin, Mycelex, generic
- Hydrocortisone Cream (Topical)
- Triple Antibiotic Cream
- Famotidine - i.e. Pepcid
- Folic Acid
- Miconazole
- Voltaren (arthritis)

Bible Study: Ephesians

Join us for an exploration
of the Letter to the Ephesians

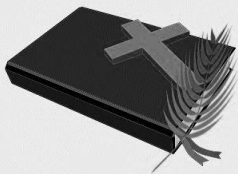
2 Class Options:

In-Person

Sundays, 9 AM
Beginning April 30

Via Zoom

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
Beginning May 2



If you would like more info about the study please see Bud Behlman

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Please register for the upcoming workshops hosted by the New York Annual Conference as we seek to be a critical part of your journey toward advocacy, alliance, and fuller awareness as we aim to quash and begin eradication of the sin of racism in our midst. The first class is May 24 & 25 from 9am-12:30pm and the second is June 14 & 15 from 9am-1pm. You can sign up online. Registration is limited.

Sermon Series: Black Panther / Wakanda Forever May 21 & May 28



This two-part exploration of themes in two of the most popular Marvel films finds some surprisingly big idea being explored:

What are our responsibilities to one another? Is it inevitable that we will repeat the pattern set generations before us? or are we able to help bring about a better future for those who come after us?

Join us for worship as we tackle these big questions and enjoy some superhero action! You don't need to have seen either movie for these sermons to resonate with you – but if you've been meaning to see either of these, this gives you a good excuse. Both films are available on Disney Plus, trailers for both films are available on YouTube.



Celebrating Our Graduates

On May 28th, WUMC will recognize our graduates. If you have an 8th grader, high school grad, or college grad, please let the church office know so that we can honor them.



An SPRC Update

Hello WUMC family,

We are very excited to announce that a new pastor has been appointed full-time to Woodbury UMC – Rev. Herbert Miller. He is currently the pastor of First UMC Shelton. Pastor Herb will begin his ministry at Woodbury UMC on July 1st bringing 36 years of ministry experience. The SPRC committee met with our new pastor this past Saturday.

It was enjoyable to meet Pastor Herb as he is friendly and easy to talk to. He says that preaching, teaching, and spirituality are parts of ministry that he feels are his strengths. Pastor Herb feels that a church should strive to have a welcoming family feel and find opportunities to go out into the community.

Pastor Herb loves cooking, being outdoors, and camping. He is looking forward to living in one of our parsonages close enough to walk to places in town. Pastor Herb has a dog named Astro.

Though we are excited to meet Pastor Herb, we ask everyone to remember that Pastor Michael is ours through June 30th. In addition, we ask that any contact with the new pastor be through Christine Shupenis, SPRC Chair until July 1. Let's not let the business of being God's voice to our congregation and to our community be put on pause during this transition.

In love,

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Christine Shupenis, Chair

Meg Temple, Lay Leader

Catherine Mason, Lay Member of the Annual Conference

Rae Ann Hockenberry

Elizabeth Styblo

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