

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“You Matter to God” - June 21, 2020

Welcome

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. A. Johnson  
Andrew Johnson, organ

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Opening Hymn UMH #140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Special Music *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Cook/Dhas  
Melinda Dhas, piano and vocal, Jefferson Dhas, cello

Scripture Matthew 10:29-31 (NRSV)

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

*God’s care for God’s people. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon *You Matter to God*  
Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer Song Good, Good Father -Chris Tomlin  
Matt Sherrill, guitar

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Announcements and Benediction

Closing Song and Sending Forth *All the People Said Amen*

-Matt Maher

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Andrew Johson, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PEN PALS

Everyone likes to receive mail, so in an effort to encourage community building while everyone is quarantined during COVID-19, Wesley UMC is launching 'Wesley Pen Pals'. To join the program submit your name and contact information via the Wesley Pen Pals form on our website: [www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com). Participants will be matched with a pen pal within one week after signing up. Pen pals will write each other weekly to get to know each other during this time apart. Don't be surprised if you have a new best friend by the time we return to worship together in the sanctuary!

### ATTENTION YOUTH – SURGE GOES TO CAMP!

Surge is invited to participate in conference camping online this week, June 21-25! Any student in 6th-12th grade can join the public **Facebook group AIR Online 2020**, which will go private at 8am on Sunday morning.

We will have a daily morning message by our veteran camp counselors and join together for traditional camp activities via zoom at 7pm each night. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Sunday- Worship/Getting to know you games

Monday- Worship/All-Camp "Find the Faculty" Game

Tuesday- Worship/Stump the Pastor

Wednesday- Worship/AIR Talent Show

Thursday- Worship/Senior Devotions and Beach Party

### CHANGE IN MEETING NIGHT FOR SURGE THIS WEEK

Surge programming will take place on TUESDAY (June 23) this week, with everyone invited to play *STUMP THE PASTOR* with the camp. Students can text in questions anonymously to a panel of clergy about ANYTHING they want to talk about.

## NEW DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Kathi Pritts and other parents for a book study, *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*, to help children function well in a diverse nation. *Talking about race, privilege, and fear is not easy, but silence is not an option. The resources and tools offered in Jennifer Harvey's book will help parents creatively explore ways to have dialogue with their family, their church, and their community. Let's work together to become outposts of love.*

- Sundays, 8:00-9:00 p.m. via zoom.
- Purchase the book online or follow along without a book
- Kathi will send highlights of the reading each week that will be discussed.

**Please contact Kathi Pritts at [kpritts@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kpritts@wesley-umc.com) if you'd like to participate.**

Join Pastor Justin Iverson and Kelsey Ross for a 3-week study of Ijeoma Oluo's book, *So You Want to Talk About Race*. This introduction to the topics of racism, white privilege, and racial justice is a New York Times bestseller and is on the 'Bonus Books' page of this year's UMW Reading Program catalog. While the book contains some strong language and challenging ideas, it is a helpful read for anyone wanting to broaden their understanding and work toward racial equality in the United States. Books can be purchased online or in store wherever books are sold, but order soon as the book is currently in demand. We'll begin with a discussion of the first five chapters on Sunday, July 12th at 10am via Zoom. The link to join can be found in recent *Alive* emails or on our website at [www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com)

## **PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR – Sundays 4-5 pm – All are welcome.**

We want to be available to you during this time, not just to pray *for* you, but to pray *with* you. If you have prayer requests, joys or concerns, let's bring them to the altar together (virtually) Sunday afternoons by Zoom. Pastor Sara will meet you there and we'll pray together for each other, our families, community, nation and world. The Zoom link can be found in the June 12 *Alive* e-newsletter. **(Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078; Password: 628292)**