

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“Little Things Grow Big” - June 28, 2020

Greeting

Prelude

Poco Vivace

-Schroeder

Andrew Johnson, organ

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Opening Hymn UMH #144 This Is My Father’s World

Special Music

All Things Bright and Beautiful

-Rutter

Wesley UMC Chancel Choir, recorded October 13th, 2019

Scripture Matthew 13:31-32 (NRSV)

31 [Jesus] put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Sermon

Little Things Grow Big

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer Song

Give Me Faith

-Elevation Worship

Matt and Kamden Sherrill

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.

Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

-Rend Collective

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Announcements and Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Andrew Johnson, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5, IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

Please join us for "online Communion" by preparing your own bread and grape juice at home. *Note: In Jesus' day, Passover/ritual blessings were observed with wine. United Methodists are sensitive to the needs of those who abstain from alcohol, and so we use unfermented grape juice in our public worship services. However, if your household has any of the following available for use in Holy Communion you are welcome to use: grape juice, grape juice cocktail, cranberry grape juice, red wine (fermented or unfermented), or even water, if you have none of the above. For bread, any kind of bread will suffice, including pita, tortilla or even crackers.

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. 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!

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. (It's not too late to join!)
- 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 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 on our website at www.wesley-umc.com

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for some summer fun? We are still providing opportunities to connect with our elementary children and youth. Following are some things you might like to try:

SUNDAYS, Children K-5 can join online fun at 11 am via Zoom. Contact Miss Kathi at kpritts@wesley-umc.com to receive a link to all the fun. Kids will enjoy videos, science experiments, and crafts.

WEDNESDAYS, Youth Grades 6-12 can join SURGE online via Google Classroom. Please use classroom code "jtsrqh" to log in. Contact Kelsey Ross with questions at kross@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. For the Zoom link, email Pastor Sara at sisbell@wesley-umc.com.