

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“The Kingdom is Expansive” - July 5, 2020

Greeting

Prelude

Adagio

-Franck

Andrew Johnson, organ

Opening Prayer

Children’s Time

Opening Song

Invitacion Fountain

-Pritzl

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Special Music

America, the Beautiful

-arr. Hayes

Ellen Hagen, piano

Scripture Matthew 13:33 (NRSV)

13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Sermon

The Kingdom is Expansive

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Service of Holy Communion

You are invited to receive bread and cup today in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please lift your own bread and cup as the pastors bless the elements, and receive the Body and Blood of Christ along with us.

Prayer Song

Let it Echo

-Jesus Culture

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.

Closing Hymn TFWS #2190 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

Due to copyright restrictions we cannot include lyrics for this hymn in the bulletin or in our pre-recorded video. Please visit <http://catholichymn.blogspot.com/2016/08/Bring-Forth-the-Kingdom.html> for lyrics.

Offering, Announcements, and Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Andrew Johnson, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACIAL JUSTICE CLASS BEGINS JULY 12th

Join Pastor Justin Iverson and Youth Director, 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.

BOOK STUDY FOR PARENTS CONTINUES – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

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 if you'd like to participate.

JOB OPENINGS

Wesley UMC is seeking applicants for organist and video editor. Additional information and application process can be found on our website at www.wesley-umc.com.

Wesley's Bright Beginnings Preschool is seeking applicants for a teaching assistant for the 3-day 2-year-old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Please submit letter of intent and resume to wesleysbrightbeginnings@gmail.com

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!

CHILDREN 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 kpitts@wesley-umc.com to sign up 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 "jtsrquh" 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. The Zoom link can be found in the June 12 *Alive* e-newsletter. **(Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078; Password: 628292)**