



## **2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025 ON THE OTHER SIDE!**



Flowers on the altar are in honor of Pastor Emeritus Duane Mevis' birthday.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025



### WELCOME



### PRELUDE

*I Will Praise Him*

arr. By Cindy Berry



### +CALL TO WORSHIP

*Stand in body. Stand in spirit. Please share in the words in bold.*

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Shout and sing praises to God.**

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

**We have seen the Lord's greatness.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**



### +HYMN

*Easter People Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304



### +SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



### OPENING PRAYER

*Please share in the words in bold.* UMH 321

**Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



### HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalms 6:1-10 NRSVUE

- 1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger  
or discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;  
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.
- 3 My soul also is struck with terror,  
while you, O Lord—how long?
- 4 Turn, O Lord, save my life;  
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
in Sheol who can give you praise?
- 6 I am weary with my moaning;  
every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- 7 My eyes waste away because of grief;  
they grow weak because of all my foes.
- 8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication;  
the Lord accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;  
they shall turn back and in a moment be put to shame.



### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:3-8, 12-24 NRSVUE

3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them

not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



#### +DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94



#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

UMH 163



#### SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

ON THE OTHER SIDE!

Rev. Darnearther Murph-Heath



#### MUSICAL WITNESS

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F. Handel



#### INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: [wesleynaperville.org/giving](https://wesleynaperville.org/giving)  
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



#### A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled;  
and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom  
**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



### +CLOSING HYMN

He Rose

UMH 316



### +BENEDICTION



### POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor with Hosanna, Laud Hosanna

arr. By F. Lopez

*All are invited to a time of fellowship in the Atrium following the postlude.*

*If you ordered Easter Flowers and did not take them with you last Sunday, you are welcome to do so today.  
To sign-up for an altar flower dedication, use the sheet in the Atrium or contact the church office.*

**OUR GUEST PREACHER, Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath** is no stranger to Wesley UMC. Retired Elder and former Elgin District Superintendent, we are appreciative for each time she has come to bring an encouraging message.

Thank you, Rev. Darneather, for joining us once more!



## Aurora Pride is June 8th!

The theme for this year is resistance and resilience and we will have a truck to decorate for the parade. If you are interested in marching with Wesley, or decorating the float, or both, please reach out to Alexander! We hope to spread a message of intersectional justice as we protest as one voice

## About Wesley UMC

Founded in 1832

### Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to nurture spiritual growth throughout life, and to serve God by caring for all people.

### Welcome Statement

God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all. So do we. All people of any race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, economic status, or life situation are welcome here. Wesley is also proud to be a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, which is "Mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love." [www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org)



### What We Believe In

*Proclaiming* God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Nurturing* spiritual growth throughout life.

*Serving* God by caring for all people.

We try to live into the challenge of John Wesley, who said:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can.  
At all the times you can. To all the people you can. For as long as ever you can."

**As much as we love our time together on Sunday morning, we believe that our highest ministry is out in the world. This is why we have moved from the "traditional" model of church, to being a Center for Peace and Justice in accordance with our United Methodist Social Principles.**



We have some EXCITING news to share! The Staff Parish Relations Committee is happy to join you in welcoming our new Director of Wesley Kids Day Out, **Christine Singer!**

Christine comes to us with over 20 years of education experience. She has worked as a paraprofessional, teacher aid, pre-k teacher, mentor, and director. She is also a Certified Nursing Assistant. All of her references gave glowing recommendations of her compassion, care, kindness, collaboration, and willingness to meet challenges with an open mind, creativity, and efficiency.

Wesley Kids Day Out was established in 1973 as a Christian outreach to parents and children of our community. Our mission is to offer children a constructive, fun environment, as well as an opportunity to socialize with children their own age while developing skills to aid them in preschool and kindergarten.



On Sunday, March 30th our Worship Through Mission Opportunity was making items for and assembling Feminine Hygiene Kits and Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

There is still some sewing left to do to finish the final touches of these kits that will help 50 young persons.

On 5th Sundays we Worship Through Mission by doing some hands on act of service that helps children and youth. We also have a special collection for United Voices for Children. If you have an idea for a Worship Through Mission opportunity, please reach out to Alexander or Pastor Megan.



## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAYS** Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary–Level 1)  
2nd - 4th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.  
After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles–Level A)  
**5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION**  
5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues** (Across the Street @ Community UMC).  
A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.  
6:45 PM **Foxhall AA** (Enter through Franklin Street Entrance–Fellowship Hall)

### CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd–4th Sundays). On 5th Sundays we worship through hands on mission at 10am. Talk to Alexander for more info.

### WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Flexible part-time daycare ministry during the school year Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm, June & July Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am to 1pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Christine and Sherice for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com.

If you have a love for children ages 6 months to 5 years and are interested in working with them part-time, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would love to hear from you. We are presently considering applications for Substitute Teachers.

Please visit wesleynaperville.org/kdo for more info.

### GIVING TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund invests donations to provide for outreach programs and to supplement the church budget. You can donate directly, dedicate a leaf on our Wesley Family Tree or put Wesley in your will. I am happy to help answer your questions. Please contact Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or email [barbaraburke123@att.net](mailto:barbaraburke123@att.net) for more information.

### MUSIC

Choir rehearses on most Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All voices are welcome. Instrumentalists are also welcome to share their gifts. Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org

### STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You are welcome to bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted. Please rinse ahead of time.

### COFFEE HOUR

Join us after Worship in the Atrium for a cup of coffee or tea, and a little nibble. If you would like to bring a treat or help with set-up, contact our church office at 630-355-1834 or info@wesleynaperville.org

### HELPING ONE ANOTHER

The bins on the Lower Level (B) are available for donations and use of whomever may have need of these items that comes to our door: Deodorant–MOST NEEDED, Menstrual Hygiene Products, Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred), Soap, Socks, Toothbrushes–MOST NEEDED, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths (New or Gently Used but WASHED and ready for use)

### LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

The needs in our community outpace supply. You are welcome to drop off items to the donation baskets.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

To subscribe to our weekly e-news scan the qr code, or contact Emily in the church office. If you would like KIT mailed to your door every two to three weeks, please let Emily know.



## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

28 MON  
9am –2pm Kids Day Out  
7pm Boy Scout Troop 100

30 WED  
9am–2pm Kids Day Out  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm Highland Guard

25 FRI  
9am–2pm Kids Day Out

For the full calendar, visit [wesleynaperville.org/calendar](http://wesleynaperville.org/calendar)



Pastor Avni will be providing additional pastoral care coverage through April 29th while Pastor Megan is out of office. If you have a pastoral care emergency during this time, either call Pastor Duane, the office, or Pastor Megan's extension (102) for details to reach Pastor Avni.



## CHURCH OFFICE

Emily Miller, *Administrative Assistant*

Sundays: 9am–1pm

M- 8am--3pm

T, TH: Closed

W, F: 8:30 am–3:30 pm

(630) 355-1834 ext. 101

info@wesleynaperville.org

*Building Events* ext. 110

events@wesleynaperville.org

Available by appointment

## WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Christine Singer, *Director*

Sherice Horton, *Assistant Director*

M, W, F 9am–2pm

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*Lead Pastor*

*Tuesdays are sabbath*

pastor@wesleynaperville.org

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

*Minister of Family & Justice*

W, TH 9am -2pm

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Rev. Duane Mevis, *Pastor Emeritus*

Nicole Melody, *Director of Music*

Svetlana Mars, *Accompanist*

Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*



**God, as known to us  
in Christ Jesus  
welcomes ALL people.  
So do we.**

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## NEXT SUNDAY....

**May 4 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter**

***Native American Ministries Sunday***

Acts 9:1-6 and Psalm 30

Pastor Megan is back, using the First Nations Version translation of Acts 9:1-6, and other resources that center Na-

tive voices and interpretations. We will have a special offering that provides

scholarships for Native American United Methodists pursuing ordained or licensed ministry.



## COVER IMAGE Artist Statement

**Flourish in Prayer © 2019 |**

"Flourish in Prayer" was created to image the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's 2019 theme "Flourish- Passion, Purpose, Prayer, Priesthood,"

The flower on the left is a Passion Flower, the flower in the middle is a Camelia which means "helper to the priest" in Latin (Priesthood), and the flower on the right is an Alstroemeria which symbolizes devotion, following your dreams, and achieving your aspirations, both in a material and spiritual sense (Purpose). The rippling waters of baptism surround the prayerful hands, reminding us how God surrounds and upholds us in our calling. God desires that we flourish.



**186th Northern Illinois  
Annual Conference**

**Monday, June 9 -  
Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center  
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.**

Clergy Session: May 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Naperville: Woori UMC

Laity Session: June 9, morning

Celebration of Ministry: June 9, evening

Bible Study: June 10 & 11, mornings

Lunch-and-Learn: June 10, lunch

Memorial service: June 10, late afternoon

Retirement celebration: June 11, midmorning

## WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY

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