

RESSURECTION SUNDAY 2025
RUN, TELL THAT!



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025



WELCOME



PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

VEREUCHTEN, Dutch melody, arr. Sondra K. Tucker



+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Beloved, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Savior is risen!

Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Steadfast Love is risen!

Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!



+HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302



+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.

Risen One, with Mary Magdalene, help us recognize you this day as we hear your word and feast together. You are "Rabboni," our Teacher, our Guide. Come speak to us, that we might be messengers of your love and doers of your word. Amen.



HEBREW BIBLE READING

Psalms 18:2-11, 16-19 NRSVUE

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so I shall be saved from my enemies.
The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of perdition assailed me;
the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and reeled because he was angry.
Smoke went up from his nostrils
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.
He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
He made darkness his covering around him,
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.
He reached down from on high; he took me;
he drew me out of mighty waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.
They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the Lord was my support.
He brought me out into a broad place;
he delivered me because he delighted in me.



+GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18 NRSVUE

*Please stand in body, stand in spirit for the reading of the Gospel. Listen to your body.
Please share in the words in bold.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, **"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, **"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."** When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, **"Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, **"Rabbouni!"** (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, **"I have seen the Lord,"** and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

In the Garden (I Come to the Garden Alone)

UMH 314



SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RUN, TELL THAT!

Rev. Megan Tobola



MUSICAL WITNESS

Jazz Alleluia

Craig Curry



INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING

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





THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive. Gluten free wafers are available, and all cups are non-alcoholic.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us 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.



HYMN DURING COMMUNION

For Everyone Born (A Place At the Table)

WS 3149 (p. 5)



+CLOSING HYMN

He Lives

UMH 310



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor with Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. F. Lopez

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

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In Celebration of Easter ~ Lynn Trygstad

In Celebration of Easter ~ The Hogan Family

*In Memory of Pamela Dean, Ruby Jefferson, Mary Eunice Moreland, and Gwendolyn Sumner
~ Rev. Megan Tobola*

In Memory of the Pilchers, Flemings, Miceks, and Cavallaris ~ Fay Wilson

In Memory of Frank R. Hedl ~ Doris Hedl

In Memory of Our Parents ~ Marjorie & Jerry McIntosh

In Memory of Virginia Alfano and Kevin Duhon ~ Nicole Melody

In Memory of Marie-Luise Wienandas-Bange ~ Silvia Wuensche Wienands

In Celebration of Spring, Rebirth, Faith. In hope that peace in the world will come for everyone ~ The Sellbergs

In Memory of Our Parents and in Celebration of Easter ~ Rev. Duane and Carol Mevis

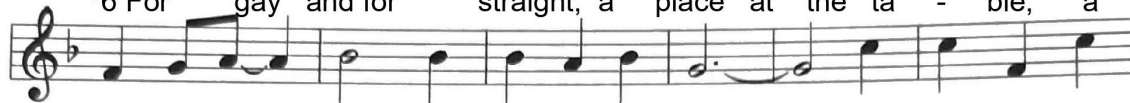
In Honor of Rick Eiler's Family ~ Rosie Eiler

A Place at the Table

3149



1. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a -
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
 5. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, to
 *6 For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble, a



ev - ery-one born, clean wa - ter and bread, — a shel - ter, a
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, — with wis - dom and
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, — the hands of a
 bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give, — in an - ger, in
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, — to work, to speak
 co - ve - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space, — a rain - bow of



space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery-one born, a
 grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wom - an and man, a
 child in hands that are wrin - kled, for young and for old, the
 hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un - just, a
 out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery-one born, the
 race, and gen - der and co - lor, for gay and for straight, the

Refrain

star o - ver - head. —
 sys - tem that's fair. —
 right to be - long. — And God will de - light — when
 new way to live. —
 right to be free. —
 cha - lice of grace. —



we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, — yes, God will de -



light — when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, —



jus - tice and joy! —

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
 MUSIC: Lori True

PLACE AT THE TABLE
 11 10.11 10 with Refrain

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About Wesley UMC

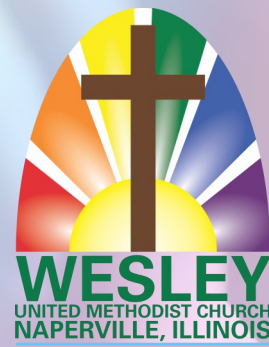
Founded in 1832

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



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."

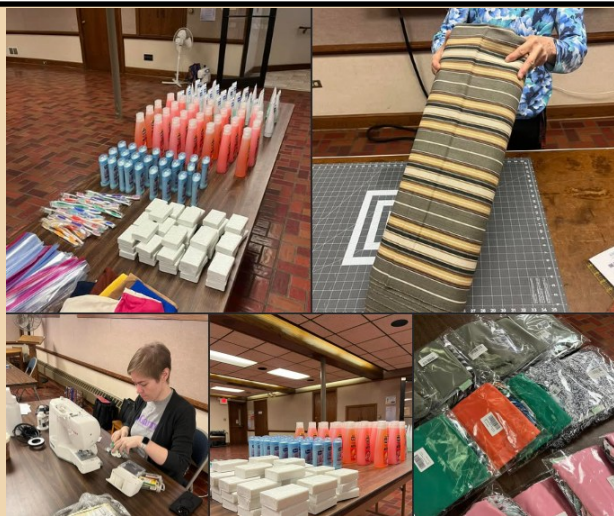
As much as we love our time together on Sunday morning, we believe that our highest ministry is out in the world. This is why we have moved from the "traditional" model of church, to being a Center for Peace and Justice in accordance with our United Methodist Social Principles.



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):
2nd - 4th Sundays:
After Worship In Person

Worship in-person or online wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary–Level 1)
Sunday School immediately following the time for Young Disciples.
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 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.



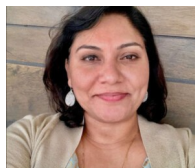
THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

For the full calendar, visit wesleynaperville.org/calendar

21 MON Easter Monday
9am -2pm Kids Day Out
7pm Boy Scout Troop 100

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

25 FRI
9am–2pm Kids Day Out



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

(630) 355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102

Lead Pastor

Tuesdays are sabbath

pastor@wesleynaperville.org

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

Minister of Family & Justice

W, TH 9am–2pm

alexander@wesleynaperville.org

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....

April 27 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:3-8, 12-14 Psalm 6:1-10,

Romans 8:31-39, Luke 18:18-30

We welcome back retired Elgin District

Superintendent Rev. Darneather

Murph-Heath as our Guest Preacher.

Director of Music, Nicole Melody, will be

sharing a solo from Handel's *Messiah*.



COVER IMAGE Artist Statement

Fullness of the Tomb © 2019 | Inspired by John 20:1-18

Each person engages the tomb to different degrees. Mary sees the stone missing from the tomb and runs to share what she's seen. The unnamed disciple bends down, looks into the tomb, and sees strips of linen, but does not enter. Peter enters the tomb immediately and sees the linen wrappings and Jesus' head cloth. The unnamed disciple enters after Peter and believes, though his belief is unclear. It seems each person's knowledge builds, but understanding isn't realized.

The disciples return home, but Mary chooses to stay in the midst of this nightmare. Through tear-filled eyes, Mary chooses to remain present and to see.

As the morning's darkness shifts into hues of dancing light, Mary sees two angels whose brilliance cracks the tomb's darkness. They interrupt the sounds of her sorrow, asking an absurd question at the mouth of her friend's empty tomb: "Woman, why are you weeping?" As she explains to the bright figures the source of her tears, a strange man repeats the question. She turns and sees him, but still does not understand. When the man exclaims, "Mary!" the emptiness of the tomb becomes fullness.

If we take time in the disorienting, wilderness moments of our lives, choosing to see everything for what it is instead of running away, our perspective can change, and we open ourselves to miracles. Mary planted herself in the wilderness and saw the horror of an empty tomb transform into the most saturated image of hope. Jesus is unbound, alive, and everywhere, and she becomes the original bearer of this Good News. When we choose to endure the wilderness, we have the opportunity to recognize and receive the gifts the wilderness has to offer us, and to go out to share it with others.

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY

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