

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

## The Women Were Always There: THE PROPHETS



### WELCOME

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



### PRELUDE

Barry Riskedal



### THE PSALTER Psalm 119:33-40, 129-134

(Response UMH #601 Refrain)

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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One: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

**Many: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

One: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**Many: Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to gain!**

One: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; and give me life in your ways.

**Many: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

One: Turn away the reproach which I dread; for your ordinances are good.

**Many: Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

One: Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**Many: The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding.**

One: With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

**Many: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for you are just to those who love your name.**

One: Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**Many: Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

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

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OPTIONAL AND  
APPRECIATED**

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**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**

Eowyn Eichhorst

Pastor Kathy: Eowyn, receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

**Eowyn:** Thank you!

**Congregation:** We rejoice in this step on your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in the church school classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God and God’s Word.



+GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:21-38 CEB

*Please stand in body and in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.*

**21** When eight days had passed, Jesus’ parents circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name given to him by the angel before he was conceived. **22** When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (**23** It’s written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.”) **24** They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what’s stated in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

**25** A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. **26** The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn’t die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. **27** Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus’ parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. **28** Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

**29** “Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,

**30** because my eyes have seen your salvation.

**31** You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

**32** It’s a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel.”

**33** His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. **34** Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition **35** so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too.”

**36** There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. **37** She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshiped God with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

 **RESPONSE** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* UMH 349 (sung twice)

 **SERMON** *The Women Were Always There: The Prophets* Pastor Megan

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 **PRAYERS**  
We recognize that we are one in Christ, and one community of faith gathering in-person and digitally. If you have a prayer concern, please email us at [wesleynaperville@gmail.com](mailto:wesleynaperville@gmail.com). We will pray for you either privately, or, with your permission, we will share your request with the congregation via the *Keeping In Touch* weekly email and during our time of prayer.

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

 **MUSICAL WITNESS** *Be Still My Soul*  
Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel  
trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, arr. Sandra Eithun

 **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

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The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.

 **+SENDING HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98

 **+BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** Barry Riskedal  
*Thank you for remaining seated until after the postlude.*

Resources: *The United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Hymnal, Ministry Matters.*

# Thy Word Is a Lamp

601

*Refrain (Unison)*

Chords: Eb Bb7 Eb

Thy word is a lamp un - to my feet and a

Chords: Ab Bb7 Eb Ab Eb Fine Bb7 Fm

light un - to my path. 1. When I feel a -fraid,  
2. Now I will not for - get your

Chords: Cm Gm Ab Bb7 Ab Eb

think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me, and  
love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

Chords: Bb7 Fm Cm Gm

noth - ing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

Chords: Ab Bb7 Cm C G Bb7 D.C.

Please be near me to the end.  
I will love you to the end.

WORDS: Amy Grant, 1984 (Ps. 119:105)  
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith 1984; arr. by Keith Phillips

THY WORD  
Irr. with Refrain

# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

349

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his  
won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow  
won - der - ful face,  
strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

WORDS: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922  
MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

LEMMEL  
Irr.

© 1922, renewed 1950 Singspiration Music

# To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ery be -  
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high-er, and



tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lies, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.  
 great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.



*Refrain*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done!





# WHAM! *We Have A Mission!*

**WHAM!** —stands for **We Have A Mission!** This exciting curriculum is being developed by Pastor Megan and Pastor Kathy around the United Methodist Social Principles.

Each week we read scripture, a book, and have great conversations which deepens our faith and moves us to service —**our mission as co-workers with God.**

For the children’s online version, **log on at 8:45 a.m.** Grown-ups: Look for the Sunday zoom link in your email for WHAM Kids.

## **MAY’S MISSION: HEALTH**

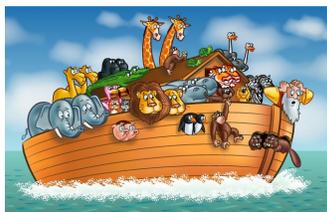
*Note:* Adult WHAM classes have ended.

**Children are always welcome at Wesley UMC**, and for your convenience, we have child-friendly areas for your infants and children who are not yet in school full-time who need a safe, cozy and fun place to worship.

### Cozy Kids Corner



**Cozy Kids Corner** is located in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. There you will find age-appropriate books and toys to keep your little ones engaged in the service so that you can worship. Please stay with your child as they play, as this area is not supervised otherwise.



### Enjoy interacting with the ark animals in the Atrium.

Adult supervision is required for this area of play. Sanitize your hands or pick a pair of CLEAN gloves to wear during play. Then, return used gloves to the DIRTY bin.

Be careful not to stand or sit on the bow or stern or the ark.

Say good-bye to the ark animals as you leave!

## 183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference **Fill the Truck** Mission Challenge Collection Drive

The NIC Board of Global Ministries is coordinating with Midwest Mission Distribution Center to organize its annual conference collection drive for MMDC’s Most Needed Items.



### Most Urgently Needed:

- Liquid Laundry Detergent - 32-64 oz
- Liquid Household Cleaner - 16-40 oz.
- Liquid Dish Soap - 14-32 oz.
- Blankets – Can Be Gently Used
- Toothpaste - 2.5 oz or larger
- Rulers (12" long with metric)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack)
- Scissors (student size)
- Bleacher Lumber - to make school desks

# Sunday Mornings

For your convenience, our Atrium and Center St. doors will be open at 8:30am. Additional parking is allowed in the Midwest Bank lot for Sunday mornings.

**8:45 AM on ZOOM:** **WHAM!** (We Have A Mission!) *Sunday School for 4 years through 5th grade.* Grownups, look for the Zoom link in your email.

**9:00-9:30 AM on ZOOM:** Virtual Coffee Time (see details below)

**10:00 AM (Hybrid):** Worship in-person or online at wesleynaperville.org

**11:05 AM In Person:** **WHAM!** (We Have A Mission!) *Kids* in Room 12.

**11:45 AM In Person:** HOPE United Methodist Church Worship Service

## Join Pastor Megan

for *Virtual Coffee Time 9:00—9:30 a.m.*

Bring your cup and join the fellowship!

- To join by **computer** or **smart device**: [tinyurl.com/WesleyCoffee](https://tinyurl.com/WesleyCoffee)  
OR open Zoom and enter Meeting ID 860 577 1872
- To join by **phone** dial (312) 626-6799.

When prompted, enter Meeting ID 860 577 1872



## *In Person Office Hours\**

\*As long as there are no emergencies or unforeseen circumstances

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Tuesdays - Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### **Pastor Megan**

Wednesdays - Thursdays, 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
or by appointment

Cell: (312) 715 - 8752

[tinyurl.com/PastorMeganOffice](https://tinyurl.com/PastorMeganOffice)

Or open Zoom, Meeting ID 840 6034 2512

*Mondays are her sabbath*

### **Pastor Kathy**

Mondays 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Tuesdays 9 AM - 12PM  
or by appointment

Cell: (331) 431-2017

*Fridays are her sabbath*

Come join our  
family!

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**Kids Day  
Out!**

**Fall registration  
now open!**

*Contact Us*

*Fall 2022 Registration is Open!*

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**Worship during the  
month of May will  
highlight women in  
Scripture and feature  
music written and/or  
composed by women.**

May 29 United Voices  
for Children  
Special Offering

**A Service of Remembrance For**

Helen I Beavin

4.5.1937-1.20.2022

First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State Street

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM

The link to the service is: <https://youtu.be/ZhnhZCAieNM>

# A Café Invitation from Pastor Megan



## ***Who are we? What is God calling us to now? How do we live that out?***

In Matthew 9, Jesus says: “No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.” (Matt. 9:16-17). This is part of Jesus’ response to a question from the disciples of John in relation to fasting. They noticed that Jesus and his disciples weren’t fasting. However, the disciples and John and Pharisees did fast. The response that Jesus gave was not a dismissal of fasting. Jesus and his disciples were simply doing what their *present context* required.

## ***And yet, friends, THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES TO BE AT WORK! Hence this invite!***

Some years back under Bishop Sally Dyck’s leadership the conference went through the process of responding to a café invitation. No, it wasn’t an invitation to coffee (though coffee was offered), but instead an invitation to use the World Café model to dream and discern next steps and a new direction for the conference. This method encourages conversation with input from ALL. It involves thinking through questions that matter, through writing, doodling, listening together for insights, and sharing collective discoveries. Everyone shares, and everyone leads.

## ***Wesley, what truly is our present context and what does it require?***

One pressing part of the answer to that question is that Wesley’s lay leadership structure needs to adapt to our present context of fewer workers. At our Charge Conference last December we affirmed the need to pursue a one-board model, but the details of that structure must be worked out together.

Please take the time to register your preference of meeting date and method (in-person or digital) by [clicking here](#), OR on paper on Sunday morning and drop it in the offering box. Hopefully, we will be able to have one date that works for most people, and a secondary date for any who remain so that everyone is included. If there are any special accommodations that you would need in order to fully participate, let Vicki (wesleynaperville@gmail.com) or myself know so that we can make sure you have what you need.

***See you in the café!***

For more information on the World Café Method:  
<http://theworldcafe.com/key-concepts-resources/world-cafe-method/>