

"THIS IS THE WAY"

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



WELCOME



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 PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



PRELUDE

By Faith

Arr. K. Getty



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.



+OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**



+GOSPEL READING

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. However you are led and able

John 14:1-14

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Alexander Dungan



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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 in whatever language is on our hearts:

 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

Sanctuary

TFWS 2164

 PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 +CLOSING HYMN

Thy Word is a Lamp

UMH 601

 +SENDING FORTH

 POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians

TFWS 2223



The flowers on the altar are donated by the Sellberg Family in celebration of Ellen's birthday on February 8th and Ellen and Ron's wedding anniversary on February 10th.

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

6:45 PM

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)

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 Pastor Alexander for more info.

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Flexible part-time daycare ministry during the school year Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm, 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 our finance chair, Ron Sellberg, at rpsellberg@aol.com for more information.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Lend your voice at our weekly choir rehearsals at 6:30pm on Wednesday! Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org with questions.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE PRAY...

(6-14-25) For continued courage to fulfill our baptismal vows to *accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.*

(11-20-25) For Fay Wilson as she recovers from surgery.

(1-20-26) For protection for the immigrant community as they experience heartbreaking levels of violence.

(3-3-2026) For the family of Barbara Bergstedt who passed away on Tuesday, March 3rd. May all who knew her find comfort and healing in this time of grief.

(3-27-26) For Nicole's family after the passing of her uncle.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

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. Help our earth!

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, Menstrual Hygiene Products, Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred), Soap, Socks, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths.

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 Pastor Alexander. If you would like KIT mailed to your door every two to three weeks, please let Alexander know.



FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

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 Doh. Next: May 31, Aug. 30.

If you have a prayer concern, email us at prayers@wesleynaperville.org, contact the church office, Pastor Doh, or Pastor Alexander.

CHURCH OFFICE

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WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

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

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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.



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.

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY "Christ the Light", by Kelly Latimore, from Kelly Latimore Icons, <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/collections/downloadables/products/christ-the-light-digital-image>, [retrieved April 30, 2026]. United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, *The United Methodist Book of Worship. The United Methodist Hymnal*. New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. "Images by Alexander Grey and Unchalee Srirugsar via Pexels.