

2025 LENTEN SERIES

"Sitting at the Feet of Jesus"

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ April 6, 2025

Guest Accompanist, Sarah Loisch



WELCOME



PRELUDE

5 Pieces for Piano Op 75. No 5 Granen

J. Sibelius



+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rise up, rejoice, and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus calls us to follow.

Let us worship in spirit and truth!



+HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545



+SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

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



OPENING PRAYER

UMH 392



HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

1 Kings 10:1-10, 13 NRSVUE

When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon (fame due to the name of the Lord), she came to test him with riddles. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones, and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, it took her breath away.

So she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes saw it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has

made you king to execute justice and righteousness.” Then she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

Meanwhile, King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon’s royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land with her servants.



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:27-32 NRSVUE

Please stand in body, stand in spirit for the reading of the Gospel. Listen to your body.

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!” But he said, “**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!**”

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and indeed, something greater than Solomon is here! **The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and indeed, something greater than Jonah is here!**

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



+DOXOLOGY

A Lenten Doxology

Tune: OLD 100th

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.



TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



HYMN OF PREPARATION

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110



SERMON and INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Alexander Dungan



MUSICAL WITNESS

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Tune St. Margaret, arr. M. Hayes



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



+CLOSING HYMN

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

5 Pieces for Piano Op 75, No. 4 Bjorken

J. Sibelius

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

SPRCIAL NOTICES

John Williams (February 14) - service on Sat. April 12 at Wesley

Visitation from 12:30-2, Service at 2pm

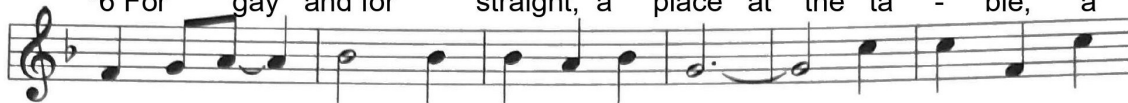
Audrey Beuche (March 20) - a gravesite service will take place in August

A Place at the Table

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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
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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. **Join the Palm Processional on Palm Sunday, April 13th!** Talk to Alexander for more info.

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Part-time daycare ministry Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Ken 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 Teacher, Substitute Teacher, and Director. 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 OPPORTUNITIES

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,

WESLEY UMC + COMMUNITY UMC

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th | 1:30-3:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, games, storytelling, and an Easter egg hunt! We will have opportunities for kids of all ages



2:30 PM
Easter Egg Hunt Begins



Central Park (104 E. Benton Ave.
Naperville, IL 60540)

Rain Location
Wesley UMC + Community UMC

Please let Alexander or Deacon Sharon know if you are hoping to attend so we can hide enough eggs!

For questions: alexander@wesleynaperville.org OR
sharon.rice@onecumc.net



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.

IN PERSON HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

Emily Miller, *Administrative Assistant*

Sundays: 9am—1pm

M- 8am--3pm

T, TH: Closed

W, F: 8:30 am—3:30 pm

Deborah Griffiths, ext. 110

Building Events Manager

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*

SAVE THESE DATES

Sun. 4/13 Palm Sunday

Worship at 10 am

Children and Youth are invited to join
the Palm Processional

Thurs. 4/17 Maundy Thursday

Worship at First Congregational UCC @ 7pm

Fri. 4/18 Good Friday

Ecumenical Service at Community UMC
(20 Center Street) at 7:00 p.m.

Sun. 4/20 Easter Sunday

Worship @ 10am

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

