

Welcome to Wesley Church!

We invite you to worship, grow, and serve with us as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Gathering

Prelude Sharron Mies, organ

Welcome Rev. Dan King Crede

*Responsive Greeting

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Wesley United Methodist Church is a diverse, welcoming, and affirming community, united in Christ.

We welcome and extend the grace of God to everyone.

***Prayer of Confession** Rev. Dan King Crede

God of Grace, You invite us to dream of a better world,
But instead we bury our heads in the sand.

We are afraid to recognize how much must change.

We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then we have a job to do.

So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

We passively allow things to stay the same.

We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.

We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.

Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

Teach us to imagine again.

Humbly we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #707

Natalie Sleeth

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Hymn of Promise

A Time for the Child in Each of Us The Smith Kids

*Affirmation of Faith

Kenny Smallhorn

We believe in God the Creator,

who, like a painter with a canvas,

imagined creation and breathed it into being.

We believe in Jesus, who many years later,

walked this hurting world and showed us a

new way to love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prods us

and pulls us, leads us and guides us,

carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.

And we believe in the power of imagination,

a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams,

start over, try again, and live lives of hope.

So in response, together, as God's church,

We dare to dream. We strive to love.

We seek to imagine a new day.

And we walk together,

All with God's help.

Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Rev. Dan King Crede

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.

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Garrett Forrest

O God, as we open the pages of the scriptures, show yourself to us. Inspire us to hear a message for our day. Amen.

Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

Old Testament

Mark 12:38-44

New Testament

Words inspired by God for the inspiration of the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

New Britain – Variations

Southern Harmony, 1835

Arr. John Carter

Elaine Bearden (flute), Jan Dee (piano)

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Reflecting on Your Life During the Pandemic: Reimagine

Rev. Julie Dowler

Responding

Offering

Rev. Deborah Jungmi Kang

*Doxological Response #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

***Hymn #729** *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines*

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Benediction

Rev. Deborah Jungmi Kang

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let us share the peace of Christ.

Postlude

Sharron Mies, organ

*We give thanks for all our musical leaders today,
including:*

Hymn Leader – Rev. Deborah Jungmi Kang

Doxological Response – Linda Larsen and Samuel

Larsen

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RECYCLE REJUVENATE
REVAMP REDESIGN RENOVATE
REIMAGINE
RETHINK REUSE RECREATE
REFURBISH RESTORE RENEW
REMODEL REDO REVISE

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your home on campus.

A place to belong, a place to become.

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