

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.**

Call to Worship

Rev. Deborah Jungmi Kang

The ripples of fire buried deep in the dark, rich ground.

We are here; we bring our memories and legacy.

We bring our bamboo and rice, our taro and palm.

We bring our earth and ocean.

The rice shoots that burst out from the ground and
reach toward the sun.

We are here; we bring our struggles and hopes.

We bring our shovels, picks, and irons.

We bring our broken hands and weeping hearts.

The golden flower that blooms with all the beauty and
power and fragrance of almighty God.

We are not yet here; but we are coming.

Help us, O God,

To open our minds; to open our hearts;

**to open our spirits to the bright potential you have
given us in each moment of life.**

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Worship

Hymn #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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Time for the Child in Each of Us

Melody Neumann & Barbara Hughes

Prayers of the People

Kenny Smallhorn

**O Creator and Mighty God,
you have promised strength for the weak,
rest for the laborers, light for the way,
grace for the trials, help from above,
unfailing sympathy, undying love.**

**O Creator and Mighty God,
help us to continue in your promise. Amen**

Traditional Prayer, PAKISTAN, ALT.

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Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

Annette Lansford

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

Genesis 37:5-13; 18-20

Old Testament

Words inspired by God for the inspiration of the people
of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Here Comes the Dreamer

Rev. Deborah Jungmi Kang

I Have a Dream

Video & Photo Collection

Responding

Offering

Rev. Julie Dowler

Doxological Response

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

The Sacrament of Communion

Rev. Dan King Crede

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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.

Sending Forth

Hymn #519

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Benediction

Rev. Julie Dowler

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let us share the peace of Christ.

Postlude

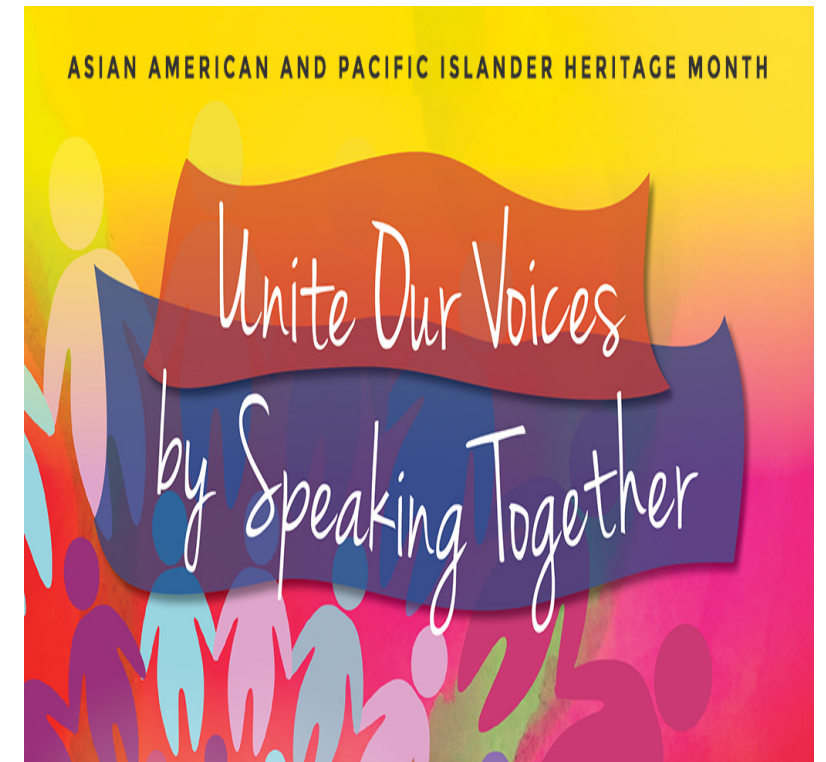
Sharron Mies, organ

May 2, 2021

Holy Communion Sunday
Asian American and
Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Here Comes the Dreamer

Rev. Deborah Jungmi Kang
Genesis 37:5-13; 18-20



<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/why-asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month-matters/>

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