



# Come, Holy Spirit

May 21, 2023  
Easter 7

WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Visiting?—text “WELCOME” to 443-234-0806.

WELCOME

Ed Davis

PRELUDE

*“Praise for the Morning”*

arr. Smith

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Once, Jesus lived a human life limited to a particular time and place;  
now he is present wherever people turn to him.

**Praise to the ascended Christ!**

Once, only those who met Jesus face-to-face knew him;  
now his divine love extends throughout the world.

**Praise to the ascended Christ!**

Jesus has taken his place of authority and has been crowned Lord of all.

**Praise to the ascended Christ!**

\* HYMN

*“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”*

UMH 312

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O God of earth and sky, as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven, so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places. Though he is hidden from our sight, enable us to abide in him by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.

\* PASSING THE PEACE

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

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KIDS' TIME

Emily Gibbs

ANTHEM

*"Holy Spirit Come"*

Mayberry, Benjamin-Korporaal, and Herbert

PASTORAL PRAYER / COMMUNITY PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

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.

\* HYMN

*"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"*

UMH 596

GOD'S WORD IS READ

Acts 1:1-14

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Sermon Series "Come, Holy Spirit"

*"Going and Coming"*

Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

An Affirmation for Ascension Day

written by Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton

I believe in God, the Creator of glory who by great power resurrected Jesus from the dead; Giving us hope in the high calling of a heavenly inheritance; And who is revealed in the immeasurable greatness of Jesus Christ; Allowing us to know God's own self through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in Jesus Christ

Who suffered and died for our sins

Who rose from the dead and rose up into heaven

Who sits at the right hand of the Father,

Whose name is above every name,

Whose authority is above all authority,

Whose power and dominion are above all power and dominion,

Who reigns now and throughout every age.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Who gives us wisdom and the ability to love one another,

Who enables us to believe and empowers us to be the church,

The body of Christ, indwelling and filling us with the power of mercy, peace, love, and justice,

And with the fullness of him who fills all in all. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*"We'll Join the Everlasting Song"*

arr. Lloyd Larson

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 94

\*Offertory Prayer

*Text your offering 844-307-2876; Give online at [www.wumcmd.org](http://www.wumcmd.org); or Mail to:  
Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.*

\* HYMN

*"Come, Holy Spirit"*

see bulletin insert

\* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated)

*"We Praise Thee, O God"*

Bortniansky

**COFFEE-TIME FELLOWSHIP**  
SUNDAYS AT 10am, in the narthex/foyer  
Cups and lids provided—or—bring your own.  
Hosted by committees, led by our Fun Fellowship.

**CARD SHOWER**  
Hank Diener's family invites you to shower him with cards celebrating his 94th birthday, May 26.  
Mr. Henry Diener c/o Wilmot 1937 Smith Station Rd Hanover PA 17331

**STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, JUBILEE HALL, after worship  
Ticketed event. See Fun Fellowship members for tickets & info—or email [funchair@wumcmd.org](mailto:funchair@wumcmd.org).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
...only a month away!

GET EXCITED—join a Team of Heroes.  
*We are Called Together to Serve God.*



PARTICIPATE—scan this QR code, or go to <https://wumcmd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>  
4yrs to rising 6th grade—registration is open.  
Leaders/Assistants—registration is open.

DONATE—  
Donations for VBS supplies will be accepted, soon.  
Watch future bulletins, eHeralds, and listen for announcements before worship.

**WUMC SOFTBALL TEAM**, Church League,  
Thu, Apr 27-Jul 13, Carroll County Sports Complex  
Tim Edwards, Jr, [vualum95@gmail.com](mailto:vualum95@gmail.com), 410-596-8760.  
Next game—May 25, 8:30pm, Field #1

**YOUR 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** boxed sets are in the Happening Hub room for pick-up.  
Questions? Call Belinda, 410-848-8325,x15.

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
Linda Wood, Chairperson [education@wumcmd.org](mailto:education@wumcmd.org)

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Sundays, 9am  
(ends, June 11; resumes in Fall)



3yrs through 5th grade—  
Sunday School Tower  
Children's Ministry Emily Gibbs: [childrensminister@wumcmd.org](mailto:childrensminister@wumcmd.org), 410-848-8325,x17  
6th-8th grade—Youth House  
9th-12th grade—invited to attend our adult classes, at this time (more info, coming soon).

*Register online*

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**  
Sundays, 9am (ends, May 28; resumes in Fall)

New Life in Christ Class—NLIC Room  
Leader: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling  
Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi, *by Amy-Jill Levine*  
Adult Discussion Class—Disciple Room  
Leader: Anne Dorwart / Study of 1 Peter

**SUMMER FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**  
Sunday, 9-10am, June 18-July 30  
Westminster City Park (Rain-days = Jubilee Hall)  
ALL ARE WELCOME! Watch for more info in your June/July Herald and in upcoming Sunday bulletins and weekly eHeralds.

**VBS**—June 25-29, 6-8:30pm  
REGISTER NOW—participate/lead  
Scan this QR code or go to:  
<https://wumcmd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>  
Participants—4yrs to rising 6th grade.  
Leaders/assistants—adult & youth, please join our Team of Heroes!  
*Called Together to Serve God.*



### SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

*Masking is optional; we respect your personal health choice.*

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director  
Praise Band: Rich Umla, Worship Leader ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond  
Slides: Bill Eckles, Kyler Brengle AV Techs: Bill Eckles, Mark Gieselman  
Liturgist: Ed Davis Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling

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Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

*Our Mission: "Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference."*

## BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

### Our Church Family

Ron Morningstar	<i>Long-term:</i>
Ron Grill	Ellis Lawson
June Hicks	Chris Clise
Tricia Rossig	Grace Justice
Eileen Burgher	Dave Taylor
Jeff Kimble	John Carbaugh
Wayne Olson	Christy Swartzbaugh
Gayle Dix	
Hank Diener	
Dan & Carol LaFon	

### Those in mourning

Melinda Houston and Brett Hart on the death of mom and grandmom, Gayle Dix. We mourn alongside them and we celebrate the wonder of God and his gift to us in Gayle.

### Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months)

Lorraine Hinton (Chris Brown's aunt)  
Bonnie Pavlik (friend of Mary Louise Poole)  
Jeff Slaubaugh (friend of Mary Louise Poole)

### Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - GBGM  
Onney Khosa (Zimbabwe) - World Vision/WUMC UMYF

### Those in Military Service

Bailee Stevens, Air Force, Germany  
(granddaughter of Ann & Steve Hull)  
Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA  
(son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)  
Jason Marusiak, Fort Riley, KS  
(son-in-law of The Flinn's)

## STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHTS CORNER—

A financial planner from Kairos Wealth Management will conduct a presentation for our congregation to give us information on planned giving, tax strategies,



## REACH

OUR MISSION: To reach out to those within our congregation who are reaching out to us in need of help.

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery or mourning
- Transport to local medical appointments

Please contact REACH, directly, for help:

### REACH—MAY

Sue Thomas—(410) 917-3149  
Brenda Tracy—(410) 215-6557

## MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS

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We celebrate our WUMC nonagenarians!

- May 3 Mrs. Eileen Burgher  
932 Western Chapel Road  
Westminster MD 21157
- May 7 Mr. Daniel LaFon  
3931 Hawks Hill Road  
New Windsor MD 21776
- May 26 Mr. Henry Diener c/o Wilmot  
1937 Smith Station Road  
Hanover PA 17331

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri,  
[s.haines@wumcmd.org](mailto:s.haines@wumcmd.org).

## TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP OFFERING

Text amount  
to 844-307-2876



Mail to POB 2316, Westminster 21158

Online offering—please scan QR code

## ATTENDANCE

Text "HERE" to 443-234-0806

## REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit prayer requests:

- Online, [www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html](http://www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html)
- Email Pastor Malcolm,  
[m.stranathan@wumcmd.org](mailto:m.stranathan@wumcmd.org)
- Email Rev. Ken, [revkenh@starpower.net](mailto:revkenh@starpower.net)
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.