WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May 14, 2023 10:00 am

sixth sunday of easter

PRELUDE  Prelude on  "Slane," Gordon Young

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

While our spiritual ancestors were living in Egypt, they wondered…

**…how long must we endure this oppression?**

When they left Egypt and followed Moses in the desert, they wondered…

**…is this really any better than our old life in Egypt?**

When we feel the urge to make a change in our lives, we wonder…

**…how much longer can I go on like this?**

When we consider the cost of change, we wonder…

**…what is the cost if I stay the same?**

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**“You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.”**

**Amen.**

SONG:

“All Who Hunger”

FWS 2126

OPENING PRAYER

**Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out with joy and singing, that we might know your ways. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pass the peace to one another by waving.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (Read responsively)**

**Exodus 16:2-15**

This is a Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION *"A Home of Grace,"*

*Joseph M. Martin*

**SERMON**

**"Let Go: Leaving Behind What We Don’t Need”**

Pastor Wayne



**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of grace and compassion, as we offer our tithes and offerings this morning, we remember the lessons in your providing the Israelites with manna in the wilderness. First lesson: you took care of their needs. Second lesson: you gave enough to meet the needs of the day and instructed them to look out for the weak and needy. Finally, you made clear that accumulating more than they needed would not end well. Help us to learn from these lessons in what you have given to us by your goodness. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER “He Is Lord” UMH 177

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

**HYMN**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  Toccata on "Austrian Hymn," F.J. Haydn, arr. Joel Raney

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