# EVERYDAY TO US IS EASTER DAY

# **WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## 10 AM, APRIL 28, 2024

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

# Fifth Sunday of EASTER

#### PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," J.S. Bach

#### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the vineyard of God.

#### We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

Drink from the waters of life.

#### We live in the light of God's grace.

Come to the vineyard of God.

All are welcome here. Amen

**HYMN** 

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

UMH 422

# **OPENIG PRAYER**

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Sprit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us. That way we can abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

# PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you!

# And also with you!

Let us pass the peace to one another by waving.

INVITATION HYMN	This Is the Day	UMH 657
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
BLESSING HYMN	Jesus Loves Me (v. 1)	UMH 191

# SCRIPTURE READING

## Psalm 22:25-31 (NRSV)

Michael Lincoln

- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- 29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- 30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

#### John 15:1-8 (NRSV)

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me

that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

- 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

# RESPONSE

This is the word of God for the People of God

## Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM	"Bist Du Bei Mir," J.S. Bach	
SERMON	<b>Connection in Christ</b>	Heeyoung Lim
OFFERING SONG	I Surrender all (v.1)	UMH 354
GIVING OUR GIFTS	Doxology	UMH 95

# **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, may the gifts we return to you cause your name to be Celebrated among the nations. May the lives that we live cause your name to be Celebrated in all generations. May our offerings be signs of our praise to you, Forever and ever. Amen.



# CALL TO PRAYER / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SENDING FORTH** 

**O How I Love Jesus** 

UMH 170

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Day of Peace," Chas. Callahan

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FRIDAY SPRING BIBLE STUDY "The Gospel of John (CH1-4)" May 3, 7PM.
- Noel Cha's Baptism on Sunday, May 5, 2024.
- FAITHWORKS SHOP: MON. 6: 30 PM to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd SATs 9AM to 1 PM
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION: MON. 6:30 to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd SATs 9AM to 1 PM
- LARGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Tuesday, May 14, from 6 PM to 7:00 PM (Volunteers are welcome by 4:30 PM).

#### **PRAYER LIST**



Grace Damiano, Gloria Kluger, Carol Caputo, Marlon Horn, Chu & Jinwhan Lee, YoungBum & YoungHee Koo, George. Jagger, Stan Jaffe, Family and friends of Franc Grbic, Jon Egbert, Charles Sieger, Terri Grayson McKeon, Carmen Dilia Morillo, Esther's Family, employment for the young generation. Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, Pakistan, the USA, New Jersey