

# WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Order of Worship* **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

July 31, 2022

7:30 am

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**Welcome**

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

The Reverend Dr. McKennon Shea

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

*God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

LAUDA ANIMA

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;  
mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;  
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free;  
sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;  
live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and rested there. But it was told to the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men from the sons of Israel have come here tonight to spy out the land.” And the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to spy out all the land.” But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them, and she said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. It came about, when it was time to shut the gate at dark, that the men went out; I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof. So the men pursued them on the road to the Jordan, to the crossing places; and as soon as those who were pursuing them had gone out, they shut the gate. Now before the spies lay down, she came up to them on the roof, and said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have despaired because of you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. When we heard these reports, our hearts melted and no courage remained in anyone any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father’s household, and give me a pledge of truth, and spare my father and my mother, and my brothers and my sisters, and all who belong to them, and save our lives from death.” So the men said to her, “Our life for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the LORD gives us the land that we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.” Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

*“Everyday Heroes: Rahab”*

### Solo:

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious And be gracious, unto you.

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious And be gracious, unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you.  
And give you peace. Amen

**Dismissal and Blessing**

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

**Closing Voluntary**

*Grand Choeur Dialogué*

Eugène Gigout

**Participating Today**

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Dr. McKennon Shea, Lector

Mrs. Samantha Saake, Soprano Soloist

Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Video Technician

Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan this QR code to receive a free welcome gift!  
(to scan the code, use your phone's camera and follow the provided link)

Child care is available (infants - 2 years old) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service in the nursery.

Offering plates will be passed or you can scan the QR code with your camera phone or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 1</b> 10:15 a.m. 5 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal Student Ministry Open Gym AA Meeting	Adult D212 Fellowship Hall Adult D208
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 2</b> 6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Counseling Mental Health Seminar	Media Center
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3</b> 7 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Feeding Lisa's Kids "A Summer in Narnia" with Pastor Jeff Vespers Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Picnic Shelter Dining Hall Chapel Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 4</b> 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AIAnon Meeting	Adult D208 Adult D201
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 5</b> 4 p.m.	Technology with Chris	Dining Hall
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 7</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Televised Traditional Worship Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Sunday School Summer Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups Traditional Worship Young Adult Ministry Bible Study	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Gathering Aldersgate-Miller Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Student Ministry Wing

**SAVE THE DATE—Carolina Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 19 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Volunteers are needed. Vendors are needed.**

*To view the full church calendar visit our website, [www.wesley memorial.org/calendar](http://www.wesley memorial.org/calendar).*

### **Feeding Lisa's Kids**

On the first Wednesday of each month, volunteers gather at 7 a.m. at the picnic shelter to pick up food deliveries for families in our community. All you need to do is show up in a car and pick up boxes of food to deliver around High Point. Together, we're changing our community.

### **Sanctuary Counseling Mental Offers Health Seminar**

Sanctuary Counseling Group is offering a free four-week class on mental health in August. Topics to be discussed will include depression, anxiety, identity development and building self-care skills.

The class will be held Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

### **Lifting Up Educators Sunday**

On Sunday, August 21 at 11 a.m., Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church will honor all area preK-12 educators and school administrators. This is a community celebration to honor and thank educators for all they do for our area schools. John Rosemond will be our guest speaker followed by lunch for educators in the Dining Hall that includes free gifts and a Walmart gift card. Please RSVP by August 15 for this FREE event. Email Clark Chilton at [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org) or call 336-812-4813.

### **John Rosemond: Parenting with Love & Leadership**

All Triad-area parents are invited to a parenting seminar on Sunday, August 21 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. John Rosemond, a family psychologist, nationally-syndicated columnist, author, husband, parent, and grandparent, is holding a seminar titled,

"Parenting with Love and Leadership" in the Fellowship Hall. The focus is on effective discipline, with an emphasis on universal principles. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple, cash or check only. Scholarships are available. Make checks payable to Wesley Memorial UMC. Tickets can be purchased in the church office. Email Clark Chilton at [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org) with questions.

### **Senior Adult Outing**

Our Senior Adults are headed to a High Point Rockers game on Tuesday, August 23. The Rockers will be playing the Lexington Legends. The ticket cost is \$10 each. Please call Cynthia at 336-884-2204 to make your reservation. Be in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the event to receive your ticket and make payment. The game begins at 6:05 p.m. Carpooling from the circle parking lot is available if you would like.

### **Summer Vespers at 6 p.m. in the Chapel**

Vespers (held every Wednesday) is a brief worship time to help us refocus on God in the midst of our busy week. Thirty minutes of song, prayer, meditation, Holy Communion and anointing with oil by our Stephen Ministers (if you wish) is a weekly spiritual oasis. Our congregational prayer list helps us to pray for the needs of our church family, our community, and our world.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Our ministry with Open Door Ministries is in need of a few volunteers on the second Thursday of each month through the end of the year. Please call Myra Snider at 336-803-1403 to sign up!