



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
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Worship: 9:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Worship: 10:30 am

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May 16, 2021 – 7th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday **Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

(* indicates when to stand. You may remain seated if standing creates a problem for you.)

– Gathering in Faith –

God, thank you for this day and the opportunities it offers to share your love with others. Amen.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday, the day we remember how Jesus ascended into heaven, after having spent 40 days on earth rising from death on Easter Sunday. He spent those days giving final lessons and instructions to his disciples, and showing the great power of God.

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (W&K) (#312, vs 1-2)

Leader: Psalm 47: 5-7 leads us into the celebration of this wonderful day.

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Leader: For God is the king of all the earth; Sing praises with a psalm.

“He Is Exalted” (W) (#2070)

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (K) (#312, vs 3-4)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

Hymn

“He Lives” (W&K) (#310, vs 1 & 3)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

Hymn

“Cornerstone” (W) / “My Hope Is Build” (K #368, vs 1, 3, 4)

* Gospel Lesson

* Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)

One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Giving All the Glory” Mr. Timothy “TJ” Lewis

Message Response

“Go to the World” (W&K) (#3158)

– Stewards of Faith –

Offering our Gifts of Faith

Offering may be placed in the green chest (W)/offering plate (K) at the back of the sanctuary at this time, or on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus gave himself for us, God. We’ll never equal that with our gifts.
Our gifts will never pay you back, but they can say, “Thank you, God.”
And as we give our lives for others, we let you know that we understand.

So, accept our gifts, God of grace, and use our lives however you choose. Amen.

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction:* One: Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed.
We are not just free to go. Christ sends us!
Go home. Make welcome the stranger in your midst!
Go to work. Create spaces of justice and mercy!
Go learn. Sharpen the talents God has given you!
Go play. Rejoice in the wonder of God's creation!
Go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord.
God help and heal in all you do.

All: Christ send us! Thanks be to God!

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (W&K) (#327)

* *Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

Welcome! Our speaker today is Mr. Timothy (TJ) Lewis. TJ is a Certified Lay Speaker from Hope UMC in Blue Earth. TJ is filling in this morning for Pastor Chris who is on vacation through tomorrow. Thank you for sharing your gift with us this morning, TJ.

Keep in your prayers this week: Pat Druckenmiller & Glenn Johanson recuperating from surgeries; many people we know fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Sue Schuster, Karen Gimberline, Charlie Johnson, Joel Thisius, Alan Yokiell, Bebo Getchell; our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner; those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

The nursery (W) If parents would like to use the nursery during the service, please feel free; however, we are not staffing it during the present phase of re-gathering.

Announcements

Next Sunday is Pentecost. If you have any red flowers you could lend for decorating the chancel for Sunday morning, please bring them to church by Saturday morning. And to get "in the spirit," everyone, **wear something red!** Tim Stromer, from Jesus Food, will also be here with a special presentation.

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Registrations are due TOMORROW for Vacation Bible School! Rocky Railway VBS will be held Monday-Friday, June 7-11, 2021 from 9:00-11:30 am at Thompson Park. All children age 3 (potty trained) through grade 5 are invited. Check your inbox for the registration form or find it on www.opendoorsumc.org. Registrations are due May 17. **ALSO**, we're looking for adult & youth helpers for the week. Contact Sandy Youngblom, 507-525-2401, or Sarah Hankerson, 553-5453.

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Habitat For Humanity Project - Open Doors' May mission project is to work with Habitat For Humanity on a house in Wells that we will be putting on insulation and new siding. The work days will be **Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, beginning at 9:00am.** No experience or skills are necessary. If you can use a tape measure, you're qualified! Volunteers are asked to bring their own hammers, snips (if you have them), and a willing spirit! Workers are encouraged to volunteer for the whole day, however if a half day is what you can give, that's fine. There's a sign-up sheet on the



Jesus Food Fundraiser
Sunday, May 23 after church
Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee To Go!
(Free will offering)

For every \$84 raised, one starving child will have enough food to eat for one entire year!
Come and help feed starving kids!
And don't miss worship on May 23 when Tim Stromer will be at Open Doors to share about the mission of Jesus Food!

back table, or call Sarah in the office at 553-5453 to volunteer. Open Door mission is *Loving God, Serving People*. Let's put this into action!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 16

W 9:00am Worship w/ TJ Lewis
K 10:30am Worship w/ TJ Lewis

Monday, May 17

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, May 18

W 6:30 pm Ministry Council Zoom

Wednesday, May 19

W 9:30 am Staff meeting
6:30 pm Youth Group, in person

Thursday, May 20

W 6:30 pm Admin Teams meeting
7:15 pm Ad Council

Saturday, May 22

9am-12pm Woman's Retreat

Sunday, May 23, Pentecost

W 9:00am Worship
K 10:30am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

Guest Speaker Timothy "TJ" Lewis
Organist Jan Johanson
Cross Bearer
Acolytes Kylin & Kenlie Cords
Scripture Reader.....
Projection..... Brett Hankerson
AV..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

May 19..... Amy Chandler
May 20..... Ben Christianson, Rebecca Kruse
May 21..... Taylor Musser, Kirt Gossen
May 22..... Alessandra Mersman

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

Tuesday: 11:00 am & 8:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)
Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990);