

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

*You've Already Won*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

*Do It Again*

THE PEACE

## WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Heather Taylor

SONG OF PRAISE

*Living Hope*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 1-8

SERMON TITLE

*A Life-Giving Connection*

SERMON

Rev. J.J. Wicke

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

OFFERING

*This month's communion rail offering (and monthly mission's giving) will support the Hands on Housing initiative through the Interfaith Action of Central Texas. iACT's Hands on Housing utilizes volunteers and skilled professionals to repair the homes of senior citizens and disabled individuals who are living in deep poverty. Our goal is to keep our homeowners safe and help them remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love.*

OFFERING SONG

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

COMMUNION SONG

*Solid Rock*

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

BENEDICTION

**Together We Do More:**  
*outside the walls and into our community*

Today is **Blue Sunday**, a day of prayer for abused children. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and to remember the millions of children who are victims of abuse/neglect, Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention is asking the faith community to pray on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Blue Sunday is a non-profit dedicated to helping communities reach out to abused children and to support those who rescue them; they are particularly committed to meeting the needs of abused children living in the Rio Grande Valley.

To learn more or to donate, go to  
[www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org)



**Northwest Hills United Methodist Church**

*We are glad you are here!*

**Date: April 28, 2024**

**Service attended: 9:00 am**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd or 3rd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- Church Member
- Desire to join (member/baptism)

I/we would like more information about:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Stephen Ministry
- Sunday School classes
- Mission Opportunities
- On-campus volunteer opportunities
- Sunday morning hospitality
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I/we need a name tag (new or replacement)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

# Prayer Requests

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I would like this request kept private.
- I have the recipient's permission to share this with our prayer team.
- I would like to speak with a pastor.
- I would like to join the Prayer Chain.

# Celebrations

I would like to share the following celebration:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- You may share my celebration.

To submit a prayer request or a celebration to our Prayer Team, or receive to ongoing prayer, fill out this prayer card and drop it in the offering plate. You can also contact our Prayer Ministry coordinator, Connie Ellis, at drclellis@gmail.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Upcoming Events & Opportunities

For all event, study, and missions' signups/registrations, go to [nwhillsumc.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://nwhillsumc.churchcenter.com/registrations) or use the QR code at top.

#### Parents' Night Out

Register online! May 4, 2024 from 4-8 pm is our next Parents' Night Out. Open to children 8 weeks– 5th grade. Space is limited this month, so register early.

#### Graduation Sunday

We'll be honoring our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5, during both services. A light reception will be held in the narthex at 10 am. Seniors or their families should contact Tyler at [tsteele@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:tsteele@nwhillsumc.org) to make sure they are represented.

#### Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for children and volunteers for our Start the Party VBS (June 10-14). Children 3 to 5th grade are welcome! If you can volunteer for just a day or the week, we would LOVE to have you.

#### Young Adult Worship

The next monthly gathering for young adults will take place Monday, May 6 from 7:30—8:30 pm. All are welcome to join for a meal, worship, and a time of fellowship in the FLC Chapel.

#### Adult Mission Trip to the Valley (Weslaco) - May 15-19

Work construction or meal prep, lead devotionals, or serve as a client liaison. Email [jackiegillargardner@gmail.com](mailto:jackiegillargardner@gmail.com) to get more information.

#### Open Play Pickleball

Folks can gather to play pickleball in the gym (upstairs in the FLC) on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am - noon. Paddles and balls will be provided, but you are welcome to use your own paddle.

#### Open Play Basketball

Folks are invited to gather every Sunday evening from 5:30—8:00 pm for pickup basketball in the gym (upstairs in the FLC).

#### Stephen Ministry

We have trained volunteers ready to give you confidential listening and care. If you would like to learn more, contact Stephen Leaders Diane Coleman (512-560-1828) or Jim Beck (512-925-7611).



**WELCOME**  
**Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 am**  
**Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 am**  
**Traditional Worship Service 11:00 am**  
**Nursery 8:45 am—12:00 pm**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**9:00 am**

#### Our Team:

- Senior Pastor:** Rev. J.J. Wicke ([jj@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:jj@nwhillsumc.org))
- Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser ([rdkiser@aol.com](mailto:rdkiser@aol.com))
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- Business Manager:** Michelle McMinn ([mmcminn@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:mmcminn@nwhillsumc.org))
- Office Manager:** Elaina Richardson ([elaina@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:elaina@nwhillsumc.org))
- Contemporary Worship Leader:** Jordan Burchill
- Director of Traditional Music:** Rick Gabrillo
- Pianist/Organist:** Seth Zamora

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#### Address:

7050 Village Center Drive  
Austin, Texas 78731

#### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm  
1:00—4:00 pm

#### Updated giving platforms:

Use the QR code to go directly to our secure giving options—online and via text.



#### This Sunday's floral dedication is to the glory of God

and in honor of  
Bess Dougherty's 95th birthday,  
given by her friends.