

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *In the Garden* arr. Jason W. Krug

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

Leader: Drink from the waters of life.

**People: We live in the light of God's grace.**

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: All are welcome here.**

**HYMN** *God Is Here, v. 1, 4* UMH #660

### OPENING 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 Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

### THE PEACE

**ANTHEM** *To His Garden* by Susan Matsui

## WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 15:1-8

**SERMON** *A Life-Giving Connection* Rev. J.J. Wicke

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**HYMN** *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee, v. 1, 3, 4, 6* UMH #562

### OFFERING

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

### DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

### TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### 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.**

**HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together, v. 1-3* UMH #618

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

**HYMN** *O Jesus, I Have Promised, v. 1, 2, 4* UMH #396

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Mark Hayes

*Special thanks to flautist, Pastor Sue Abold, for her offering of hymn descants during the Easter season.*

**Northwest Hills United Methodist Church**

*We are glad you are here!*

**Date: April 28, 2024**

**Service attended: 11:00 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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- I would like this request kept private.
- I have the recipient's permission to share this with our prayer chain.
- 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, fill out this prayer card and drop it in the offering plate. You can also contact our Prayer Ministry coordinator, Connie Ellis, at [drcllellis@gmail.com](mailto:drcllellis@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).

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# 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**

11:00 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))
- Youth and Digital Ministry:** Tyler Steele ([tsteele@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:tsteele@nwhillsumc.org))
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- 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.