

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

### PRELUDE

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Carissia Arrazolo, *soloist*

by G. N. Allen

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

**People: God's love is poured in us from our birth.**

Leader: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

**People: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.**

Leader: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

**People: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. Amen.**

### HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

UMH #559

### OPENING PRAYER

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us— into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us—in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

### THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

*Ave Maria*  
Nicole Huff, *soloist*

by Franz Schubert

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

## WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

### SERMON

*“Rooted in Love... and Fruitful”*

Rev. J.J. Wicke

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

### OFFERING

*This month's communion rail offering will support the Men's Clothes Closet in downtown Austin. Our church has been supporting the Closet with financial gifts, donations, and volunteers since its opening in 1999. Approximately 50 men are served every week, and sadly, the number is steadily growing. The Closet supplies men with jeans, shoes, undergarments, hats, gloves, and backpacks. Our church takes clothing donations all year.*

### 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

Tyler Steele

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

*Come, Let Us Eat*

UMH #625

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

UMH #664

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

## Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

**Date: May 5, 2024**

**Service attended: 11:00 am**

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

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

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

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

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

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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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).

### Floral Dedications

If you are interested in dedicating flowers on the altar, please fill out a flower order form, which are available in the narthex and office lobby. For questions, please contact Ruth Copeland at 512-331-0053.

### Save the Date!

We will once again partner with We Are Blood on Sunday, June 23. The blood drive will take place between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm in our parking lot.



### 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 loving memory of  
Donna Mae Gruver,  
given by Neill Gruver.