

# Wesley United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

To Love God with all our Heart–To Love the World as Jesus Does

## PRELUDE

*(We are glad you are here! Visitors, Members, and Friends of Wesley, please sign the “Friendship Pad” to register attendance with us today.)*

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” UMH#96

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Fasting is an act of worship—that all too often we don’t practice in our faith.*

### **Lord, why are we slow in fasting?**

*Jesus began his ministry with fasting; for 40 days, Jesus fasted—before he was tempted in the wilderness. Or when with the woman at the well, Jesus told his disciples, “I have food, that you know nothing about.”*

### **Lord, why are we slow in fasting?**

*Daniel calls his friends to fast and pray—and not pollute themselves with the King’s rich food. Eating vegetables and drinking water, they appeared healthier than the others—God rewards those faithful to His Worship and Ways!*

### **Lord, why are we slow in fasting?**

*Ester asks her uncle and household to fast for 3 days before she approached the King to save her people. The King’s heart turned toward her—and the Jewish nation was saved!*

### **Lord, why are we slow in fasting?**

*Teach us to depend upon You—to move beyond full mouths and bellies; God may our faithful practice result in Full Salvation—not just empty mouths and stomachs!*

**Amen!**

HYMN “Stand By Me” v.1-3 UMH#512

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR LIVES, AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN “His Name is Wonderful” UMH#174

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME *(Remember those on our prayer list.)*

MORNING PRAYER

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.**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC “This is the Day” Chancel Choir

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY #95

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE TEXT Matthew 6:16-18

MESSAGE “Sermon on the Mount: Practicing Our Faith Without Full Mouths”  
Rev. Dr. Shalom Renner

\*HYMN “Fill My Cup Lord” On Screen

\*FLOWER CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

\*BENEDICTION  
*\*Stand as able.*

# Wesley United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026 – 10:45 a.m.

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SONG OF CELEBRATION

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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\*MUSIC OF PRAISE

PRAYER TIME

Personal Time of Prayer *(Please remember those on our prayer list.)*

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT -

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Children Preschool through fifth Grade are invited  
to Children’s Church on **the first Sunday of the month.***

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\*CLOSING MUSIC

\*BENEDICTION

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Canton, IL**



**Ninja Fasting...  
Practicing Our Faith  
Without Full Mouths!**

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