



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.

Find us on:



Thank you...

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Nursery: Peter Heim, Pat Olson
Fellowship Hosts: Jeff Jelen, Rod Pedley

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

April 26, 2026
Easter 4

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23



Who we are. What we do.



Good Samaritan United Methodist Church

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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries!
Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Aldersgate Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE

GREETING & WELCOME

*SONG "Overflow" MATT MAHER

Your grace is power. Your will forever.
Your love is a river. Overflow in me.
Your Word; True presence. Your body; Our recompense.
Your blood; Salvation. Overflow in me.

Chorus: Overflow in me, my Lord.
Overflow in me, my Lord.
Let your people bless you as your cup is poured.
Overflow in me, my Lord. Overflow in me, my Lord.

Your worship of you, it's your gift to us from you.
No one could give this gift but you. Overflow in me.

Chorus

We lift up our hearts. We lift up our souls.
We lift up our minds. And every good thing in yours.
Yeah, every good thing is yours. **Chorus 2x**

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the darkest valley,
All: at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality, at times set aside - like this time,
now -
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

SONG "God of Wonders" MARC BYRD, STEVE HINDALONG

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
the heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night. **Chorus 1**

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. You are holy, holy.

Chorus 2: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy, holy, holy.

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CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell
After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Goodness, Love and Mercy" CHRIS TOMLIN, ED CASH,
BEAR RINEHART, BO RINEHART

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Glad and Generous Hearts" Rev. Max Richter

*SONG "All Who Are Thirsty" BRENTON BROWN, GLENN ROBERTSON

Verse: All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.

Chorus 1: Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come.
Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. **to Verse**

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God*, 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.

(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS 2223

*BLESSING

**All: Our dearest Lord.
Be Thou a bright flame before us.
Be Thou a guiding star above us.
Be Thou a smooth path beneath us.
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind us.
Today and evermore.**

*POSTLUDE "California Stars" JEFF TWEEDY, JAY BENNETT
LYRICS BY WOODY GUTHRIE

I'd like to rest my heavy head tonight on a bed of California stars
I'd like to lay my weary bones tonight on a bed of California stars
I'd love to feel your hand touching mine
And tell me why I must keep working on
Yes, I'd give my life just to lay my head tonight on a bed of California stars

I'd like to dream my troubles all away on a bed of California stars
Jump up from my star bed, make another day underneath my California stars
They hang like grapes on vines that shine
And warm a lover's glass, like a friendly wine
So I'd give this world just to dream a dream with you on our bed of California stars

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Blessing: adapted and excerpted from a longer prayer by St. Columba. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter%204%20Year%20A>

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Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

Today!



Spring Ring Handbell Concert

Today at 4:00 p.m., the Good Samaritan handbell choirs will perform in the 58th annual Spring Ring concert. The concert showcases the musical talents of all four of the Good Samaritan handbell groups, with solos rung by each choir and massed songs with all groups ringing together. We welcome you to come hear the Chancel Chimes, the community group Ding Dong Dollies, Jubilee!, and the Razzlin' Dazzlers quartet performing together. During the concert, there will be a no-stress opportunity for audience ringing where you can give handbells a try. Following the concert, you are welcome to a \$5/person appetizer and dessert smorgasbord to dine and mingle with the ringers. We hope to see you there!

Spring Social with Homeward Bound

Join us for the 3rd annual Spring Social – **this Friday, May 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall**. Our Homeward Bound band hosts this event. Enjoy a variety of desserts, coffee, tea, and lemonade. A free-will offering will support the music ministries of our church.



We have enough desserts, but we still need helpers in the kitchen. Sign up in the Narthex, scan the QR code, or go to tinyurl.com/GSSpringSocial2026 to RSVP or to volunteer to help.

This Friday!
Sign Up!

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Good Music,
People, and
Dessert

Friday, May 1
7:00-9:00 PM
Aldersgate Hall



Cookies!

Next Sunday, May 3, enjoy fresh-baked cookies during our fellowship time following worship.

Sunday School Helpers

We need helpers for May! Sunday School follows Children's Time in Sunday morning worship. Sign up at tinyurl.com/GSSunSchool. Contact Jan with questions - jan@good.org.



Tuesday Bible Study Spring Luncheon

Tuesday Bible Study invites you to the annual Spring Luncheon on **Tuesday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room**. Please come to this informal gathering to catch up with friends, make new ones, and visit with staff who can be there. There is no cost. Please RSVP to Lynn Timmer (timmerlynn@gmail.com).



Feed My Starving Children

Join the group at Feed My Starving Children for meal packing at the Chanhassen location on Friday, May 8, 7:15-8:45 p.m. and/or Wednesday, May 13, 9:30-11:15 a.m. Contact Jane Heimerl at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com to sign up.



MRC Spring Gathering Panel Recording

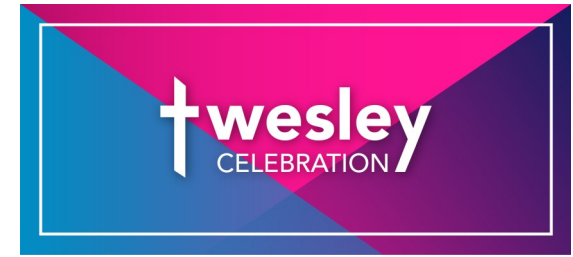
The recording of "*Welcoming the Whole Person: The Journey Toward LGBTQIA+ Clergy Leadership!*", the panel presentation at the April 18 Minnesota Reconciling Congregations Spring Gathering, is available at mrcumc.org/event_2026springgathering. This was an excellent presentation coordinated by Pastor Linda McCullough that included Pastors Max Richter, Tina Forcier, and Leigh Brown, Conference Superintendent Michelle Hargrave, and a member of Finlayson UMC.



Wesley/Neon Celebration Dinner at Good Samaritan

Thursday, May 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m. with Homeward Bound

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 3 at neontogogether.org/rsvp.



Neon, the Methodist Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota, invites you to their annual Wesley Celebration, hosted by Good Samaritan. The annual dinner is to celebrate stories, students, and supporters who make Neon possible, and spread the good news about the ministry.

A milestone has just been reached of 1,000 students who have come to Neon events this past school year! The student group has grown from only a half dozen during COVID to 50-60 at weekly meetings and up to 100 at monthly events.

Enjoy a dinner catered by Soul Bowl with vegetarian and gluten-free options available. We'll enjoy live music from Good Samaritan's own Homeward Bound band and hear heartwarming stories from students and their experience with Neon. Life can be busy, but we promise you will leave with more hope and a bigger heart for the next generation.

To learn more about this ministry, the people behind it, or how you can become involved:

- Come to the dinner on May 7, 6-8 pm at Good Samaritan UMC (RSVP at neontogogether.org/RSVP)
- Visit their website, neontogogether.org, or
- Contact Good Samaritan members involved with Neon:
 - * Kent Holmes (Wesley Board Member, & Finance Committee Chair) at kent.l.holmes@gmail.com
 - * Linda Hammersten (Program Events Assistant) at lindahammersten@msn.com
 - * Joann Knutson (former Board Member) at joannknutson@hotmail.com
 - * Dave Knutson (former Board Member) at dhknutson73@gmail.com
- Become a member of the Board of Directors. We are currently looking for new members. There is a minimal amount of commitment needed. Contact Kent Holmes (see above) to learn more.