

## Order of Worship

**Musical Prelude**

*Musicians*

**Lighting of the Candles**

*Acolytes*

**Greeting**

*Pastor Chase*

**Introit Song of Praise “You Are Great”**    *Choir & Congregation*

You deserve the glory and the honor,  
I lift my hands in worship and I bless Your Holy name.  
You deserve the glory and the honor,  
I lift my hands in worship and I bless Your Holy name.  
You are great, You do miracles  
So great, there is no one else like You,  
there is no one else like You.  
You are great, You do miracles  
So great, there is no one else like You,  
there is no one else like You.  
There is no one else like You.

### **Call to Celebration**

**Pastor:** Today we celebrate the 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wesley United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas.

**People:** **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.**

**Pastor:** For 146 years God's Word has been proclaimed in this place.

**People:** **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.**

**Pastor:** For 146 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this place.

**People:** **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.**

**Pastor:** Countless children, parents, and grandparents have been part of Wesley United Methodist Church.

People: **They are more than can be numbered.**

**Pastor:** Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place.

People: **They are more than can be numbered.**

**Pastor:** Countless witnesses have gone out from Wesley to spread the gospel in this community.

People: **They are more than can be numbered.**

**Pastor:** All of our activities, all of our sacraments, and all of our doxologies we offer up in praise to God.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works;  
they are more than can be numbered.**

**Pastor:** With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future we celebrate this 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

People: **Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works;  
they are more than can be numbered.**

**Song of Faith**            *“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”*            *All*

### **Opening Prayer**

**Pastor:** Eternal and loving God, this morning we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the 146 years of worship and witness here at Wesley United Methodist Church – Austin, Texas.

For those who established this congregation in March, 1865 – for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

People: **We give you thanks, O God.**

**Pastor:** For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom has guided our congregation:

People: **We give you thanks, O God. Amen.**

**Pastor:** For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:

People: **We give you thanks, O God. Amen.**

## **Visitors Acknowledged / Announcements**

*Terrell Edison*

## **“If I Can’t Say A Word”**

*Wesley Praise Dance Ministry*

## **Church Anniversary Litany**

**Pastor:** Dear Lord, thank you for drawing us, as a congregation, to you to become part of your Church.

People: **Thank you for our ancestors and those who listened to your voice and were obedient to your call to organize this congregation for your purposes.**

**Pastor:** Help us to teach our young your ways and their history, so they will know who you are and who they can be.

People: **Inspire us with a vision for the future and use that vision to direct the path of this congregation.**

**Pastor:** Help us to lean not on our own understanding but to lean on every promise of your Word.

People: **Grant us the authority to conquer all divisiveness, and fill us with a desire to love each other.**

**Pastor:** Lord please protect us from all evil and from those spirits that seek to destroy the peace you have given us.

People: **May your spirit continue to infuse our church with courage, hope and grace.**

**Pastor:** Teach us to know your voice and give us the courage to obey it.

People: **Lord, please continue to provide your church with a light for the world. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** *The Reverend Rosie L. Johnson*

**Old Testament** *Psalm 106:1-5*

**New Testament** *Acts 2:42-47*

**Anniversary Prayer** *The Reverend Dr. Freddie B. Dixon, Sr.*

**Musical Selection** *Intergenerational Choir*

**Synopsis of Our Church History** *Arlene Youngblood, Chair  
Church History Ministry*

**Offertory Statement** *All*

For 146 years we have walked by faith and not by sight as a church. Our financial giving results in outcomes we cannot see. Yet, it is because of our faith that we will generously share our financial gifts at this moment.

**God's Tithes & Giving to Building Fund** *Congregation*

**Doxology** *"All Things Come of Thee"* *Hymnal #588*

**Children / Youth Church Assembly**

**Introduction of the Speaker** *Pastor Chase*

**Musical Selection** *Intergenerational Choir*

**146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Message**  
**The Reverend Dr. Thomas W. Spann**  
Associate Director of the Intern Program  
Perkins School of Theology  
Southern Methodist University  
Dallas, Texas

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
& Church Membership**

*Pastor Chase*

**Invitational Song**

*Intergenerational Choir*

**Commissioning**

**Pastor:** Unite us in common commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, O God, that the Austin area may see our dedication to follow your teachings and to fulfill your will for Wesley United Methodist Church – Austin, Texas.

**People:** **May your kingdom come and your will be done in splendid, perfect fellowship. Continue to guide us in the future, as you have done in the past here at Wesley.**

**Dismissal Song**

*“Just In Case”*

*All*

**Extinguishing of the Candles &  
Carrying Out the Light of Christ**

*Acolytes*

**Sending Forth**

*Pastor Chase*

**Musical Postlude**

*Musicians*

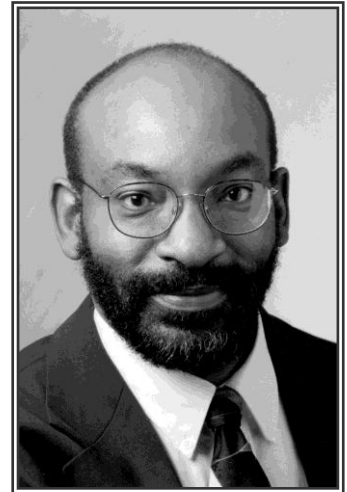
# The Reverend Dr. Thomas W. Spann

## HOMETOWN

Marshall, Texas; attended the Marshall Public Schools

## EDUCATION

- Doctor of Ministry, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
- Bachelor of Arts, Bishop College, Dallas, TX



## MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- Served six years as a Reserve Chaplain at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, TX

## EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Director of The Intern Program, Perkins School of Theology, 1988-present
- Assistant Professor of Religion, Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, TX, 1983-1988
- Instructor of Philosophy, Shorter College, North Little Rock, AR, 1979-1981
- Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lonoke, AR - 1980-1981

## CHURCH AFFILIATION

- Licensed (1970) and Ordained (1974) at Pine Bluff Baptist Church, Karnack, TX
- Associate membership, St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, Dallas

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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## MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

3/6 - 174

Ash Wednesday - 35

3/13 - 164

3/20 - 338

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## Confirmation Starts Today!

*Please look for Sondra Johnson at Children/Youth church to receive your orientation packets.*

*Sondra Johnson*

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## The Wesley Website Has a New Look

The Communications Ministry is pleased to announce the release of our newly updated website. After many hours of work and collaboration, our new site has been redesigned with a fresh new look and has been updated with information about our church, our ministries, and our programs and events. Please check out the updated site at [www.wesleyunited.org](http://www.wesleyunited.org).



Additionally, Wesley is on Facebook! Like us at [facebook.com/WesleyUMCAustin](https://facebook.com/WesleyUMCAustin).

*Shenea Edison*  
*Communications Ministry Chair*

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## Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class

**Tuesdays from 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Office Building**

We are studying the book of Colossians.  
Subject for Tuesday, March 29: "Complete in Christ"  
Colossians 2:8-15

*Pastor Chase, Teacher*

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## **Intergenerational Choir**

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

*LaMonica Lewis, Director*

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## **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Church Fellowship Hall

*Bettye Washington & Marjon Christopher, Coordinators*

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## **United Methodist Men General Meeting & Breakfast**

Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.  
in the Wesley Fellowship Hall

*Robert Langford, President  
Wesley UMM*

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## **Council on Ministries Meeting**

Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

*Lawrence Hornsby, Chair  
Council on Ministries*

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## **Children and Youth Choir Activities**

Rehearsal, April 2nd 11:30 - 1pm  
Rehearsal, April 9th 11:30 - 1pm  
Choirs sing Sunday, April 10th

*Janice Jean and Sondra Johnson, Volunteers*

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## **Children's Ministry Announcement**

**On Sunday, April 10th, the Children's Ministry will travel to Marble Falls, Texas to visit Sweet Berry Farms.**

We will depart during Children's Church to arrive at our destination about 12:30 pm. If you are interested in your child attending, please let Lydia Williams or Sheldy Starkes know. Please send sunscreen or possibly a sun hat because children will be picking berries in the sun. We are asking for an adult to volunteer as a driver and accompany us.



***L. Williams  
Children's Ministry***

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## **Easter Production Rehearsal**

**11:00 to 1:00 on the following dates:**

***Saturday April 2  
Saturday April 16***

***Saturday April 9  
Saturday April 23***

All children ages 4 to 8 who are interested may pick up speeches from Lydia Williams starting 3/27 after children's church. Children ages 9 to 17 will be assigned their speaking roles by Sondra Johnson. There will also be music and dancing. The Easter program will be held on Sunday 4/24 at 9:00 in the sanctuary. Please contact me if you have questions.

***Sondra Johnson  
512-743-8790  
Sondra\_Johnson@hotmail.com***

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## ***Austin District - The United Methodist Church***

**Basic Lay Speaker Training Course  
Saturdays, May 7 & 14, 2011  
Saint Mark United Methodist Church  
601 West Braker Lane  
Austin, Texas**

***Registration Forms are on the Ushers' Table!***

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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

50<sup>th</sup>

*Seven Tables' Tea*

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**



*4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.*



*Church Fellowship Hall  
All Are Invited*



*Jean Chase, President  
Wesley United Methodist Women*

# Organist/Pianist Needed

## *Job Qualifications*

- Thorough knowledge of musical instrument, and the ability to read, interpret, and play sheet music.
- The ability to interpret, learn and play music by ear to note without error.
- Capability of learning songs from pre-recorded sources and/or “on the spot” compositions, when sheet music is unavailable.
- Must be able to adlib musically or extend play at the choir Directors or Pastor’s direction.
- Musical ability and knowledge should include a repertoire of old gospel standards as well as new contemporary gospel songs and various other styles of music
- Must have a demonstrated knowledge of the United Methodist Church’s “Order of Service”.

## *JOB SUMMARY:*

- Responsible for providing instrumental accompaniment to the different music ministries as required by the Director of Music.

## *Contact:*

- La Monica Lewis, Director of Music (512) 478-7007

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Sylvester E. Chase Jr., Pastor

*<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10*



*Altar Flowers*

are given today in  
celebration of the

*146th Anniversary*

of

*Wesley United  
Methodist Church*