

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude Four Variations on *Come Down, O Love Divine* Jan Bender 1909-1994
found in UMH 475

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: God's Spirit joins with our spirits, Alleluia,

Many: To declare that we are children of God. Alleluia!

One: Come, Spirit of wisdom, and teach us to value the highest gifts.

Many: Come, Spirit of understanding, and show us all things in the light of eternity.

One: Come, Spirit of might, and strengthen us against every evil spirit and interest which would separate us from you.

Many: Come, Spirit of godliness, and stir up our minds and hearts to love and serve the Lord our God all our days.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

*Hymn Sweet, Sweet Spirit (x 2) UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

*Praise Songs

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'

Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

You own our praise! You own our praise!

We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him)

Me yi n'ayε, Me yi Nyamea' γε...

Me yi Nyamea' γε, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples. Empower us with that same Spirit. May the boldness of your Spirit transform us; may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us; may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

The Offering

Offertory

Contemplation on *Veni, Creator Spiritus*

James Biery b. 1956

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Anthem

We Need You Holy Ghost

James Varrick Armaah b. 1984

We need you Holy Ghost, We need you Holy Ghost

We need you, we need you, we need you.

We need you everyday, we need you every hour,

With you there is life, there is hope, there is power, come and take control

We need you everyday, we need you every hour.

Holy, Holy, Holy Ghost, come and take control.

Message

*Hymn

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

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I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

*Shalom

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost, BWV 667
Komm, Gott, Schoepfer, Heiliger Geist

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Worship Leaders: Judith Barton, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness,
Debbie O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 342-3 ALT.
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