

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 4, 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

Prelude and Trumpet Tune on *Nicaea*

Christopher Tambling 1964-2015

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O God;

Many: I will proclaim your faithfulness.

One: Your steadfast love is established forever;

Many: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: Blessed are the people who shout to you in praise, O God;

Many: Who walk in the light of your countenance.

All: O God, You alone are holy!

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All the works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

We Will Celebrate

We will celebrate our God!...
Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.
We will celebrate our God!...

Osee praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God!
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...
He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Everlasting God: You have revealed yourself as Father-Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit, and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of your divine majesty, may finally be one in you; who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Presentation of Bibles to Children

Pastor: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: **We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.**

Presentation of Bibles

Congregation: **We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Children: **The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"O Word of God Incarnate" (v. 1 & 3)

UMH 598

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, to you, O Christ, will guide.

Announcement

Prayers of the People

“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.

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (*unison*)

We believe in one God.

**The Father-Mother, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Child of God,
eternally begotten of the Father-Mother,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father-Mother;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father-Mother.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father-Mother and the Child,
who with the Father-Mother and the Child
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy universal and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Trinitarian Blessings

Alice Parker b. 1895

May the Sending One sing in you,
May the Seeking One walk with you,
May the Greeting One stand by you,
In your gladness and in your grieving.

May the Gifted One relieve you,
May the Given One retrieve you,
May the Giving One receive you,
In your falling and your restoring.

May the Binding One unite you,
May the One Beloved invite you,
May the Loving One delight you,
Three in One unending;
Three in One, joy in life unending.

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,
and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”

All power is given in Jesus’ name, in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name,
and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”

*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

Choral Postlude

Alleluia

Randall Thompson 1899–1984

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Cordelia Ferdinand, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 89 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 412, ALT.
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