Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 19, 2024

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 Improvisation on "Amazing Grace"

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place.

Many: Let our souls drink your goodness.

One: Let our hearts overflow.

Many: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place.

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Praise Songs

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind. God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.

God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (unison)

Perplexing, Pentecostal God,
you infuse us with your Spirit,
urging us to vision and dream.

May the gift of your presence
find voice in our lives,
that our babbling may be transformed into discernment
and the flickering of many tongues
light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

TFWS 2157

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

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 Anthem

We Need You Holy Ghost

James Varrick Armaah

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.

*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

*Passing of Peace "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.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Anthem Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit Moses Hogan (1954-2003)

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain, my Lord spoke, out His mouth came fire and smoke.

Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.

Jerdon river, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late.

Message

Announcement

*Hymn "Spirit of God" TFWS 2117

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, blow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things.

For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

*Benedic	ction
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Postlude Fanfare William Mathias

Worship Leaders: Janet Amoako, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O'Driscoll, Andrew Pak, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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