

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 8, 2025

## Pentecost Sunday

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*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.*

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

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Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

Malcolm Archer

Mediation on *Spirit*

Michael Bedford

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: God, in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the water and you created everything.

**Many: By your Spirit you create us anew, and we praise you.**

One: Loving Christ, when you rose from the dead you breathed your Spirit into us.

**Many: By your Spirit you raise us up from death, and we thank you.**

One: Holy Spirit, you breathe your love into us and give us your beauty and your courage.

**Many: In your Spirit you make us one body, the Body of Christ, the Body of Love.**

One: In your Spirit we bear your love to the world.

**Many: We love you; we worship you; we serve you. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn

Holy Spirit, Burn Within Us

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Holy Spirit, Sun of Heaven, source of light and warmth and power,  
fill us and transform us like a seed that turns into a flower.

Kindle in your willing people joy's bright spark, compassion's flame.  
Set us all afire to bear your loving light in Jesus' name.

Holy Spirit, burn within us, radiant with your healing grace.  
Give us brand new ways to meet and love the stranger face to face.  
Help us find new ways of caring. Help us set new, daring goals.  
Give us brand new languages to speak your love to seeking souls.

Holy Spirit, let your fire consume us, changing us at last.  
Let us rise like light emerging from the embers of the past.  
May the star of pure compassion shine within and set us free.  
Holy Spirit, make us all your flame that burns eternally.

**\*Please stand in body or in spirit.**

\*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...

**Unto The Lord Be the Glory**

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...  
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.  
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**God of our living breath, you poured out your Spirit on Jesus' followers long ago, and created the church. Pour out your Spirit on us now, and make us once again the Body of Christ, breathing your love, on fire with your courage, carried on the winds of your joy. Speak your Word to us, and set our heart aflame with your love. Amen.**

Children's Time

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

TFWS 2120, refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

**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.

Pentecost Reading

The Fire, the Wind, the Water

based on Acts 2

Anthem

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

God's gonna set dis worl on fyer one of these days Hallelujah.  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days Hallelujah.  
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days Hallelujah.  
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days Hallelujah.

Message

Pentecost Litany



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VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS  
Irregular

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Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:

At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters;  
you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

**Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:

You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth,  
and through them call your people  
to the ways of justice and compassion.

**Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:

By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor  
and release to those held captive.

**Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:

You speak to us of our Lord  
and show us the depth of his love.

**Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:

You filled disciples with joy and courage,  
empowering them to preach your word  
and to share your good news.

**Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:

You break down barriers of language, race and culture,  
and heal the divisions that separate us.

**Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:

At the close of the age  
all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

**Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.**

*Refrain: Holy Spirit, come to us.*

## Announcements

\*Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

TFWS 2120

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. (Refrain)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
from the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
with bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)

\*Benediction

Postlude

Come Down, O Love Divine

Jan Bender

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