

Wesley United Methodist Church

Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Pentecost Sunday & Heritage Sunday
May 24, 2026



At Wesley United Methodist Church, 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.

Please Stand in Body or in Spirit When You See the *

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Every Time I Feel the Spirit – African American Spiritual

Candle lighters: Yvonne Hamilton & Sonia Walters

Wesley Ringers
arr. Jason W. Krug

Welcome

Pastor Nizzi

Centering

Spirit of the Living God

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Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

***Call to Worship**

Sheeba Ranjithabalan & Quincy Addison-Ankrah

One: The coming of the Spirit transforms the Christian community. Locked doors are opened. Fear is replaced by courage. Peace is proclaimed. The power to forgive sins is present. Those who were afraid now speak up boldly. Thousands hear the message in their own language.

ALL: The coming of the Spirit is reflected in our social values.

One: In a world of racism and xenophobia and fear of immigrants,

ALL: the Spirit speaks to people of every nation under heaven.

One: In a world of fear and doubt and confusion,

ALL: the Spirit inspires people to open the doors and speak out especially about issues of justice and peace.

One: In a world of selfishness, competition, and control,

ALL: the Spirit gives out gifts that are shared for the benefit of all, especially those who are poor or in need.

One: In a world with war, violence and terrorism,

ALL: the Spirit proclaims a message of peace and reconciliation to all.

One: In a world of economic problems,

ALL: the Spirit reminds us that the things of the world are meant to be shared by all and are to be used for the common good.

One: In a world where the environment is abused and overused,

ALL: the Spirit calls to reform how we live and to use the earth with care and love.

One: In a world of ideology and prejudice,

ALL: The Spirit calls us to think about things in a new way. Come, let us worship!

***Opening Hymn/Processional**

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!...

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!...

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
with 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!...

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!...

***Praise Songs**

I Have Joy in My Heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

We Will Celebrate Our God

We will celebrate our God!...

Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.

We will celebrate our God!...

Opening Prayer

Artealus Bragg Paitoo

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth.

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

(Moment of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God Is Forgiveness

Debbie O'Driscoll

God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.

Time for the Child in Each of Us

Pastor Nizzi

Call to 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.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Nizzi

The Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice to celebrate our diversity.)

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.

*New Testament Reading

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Ebenezer Rajendran (Tamil)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes,

Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

Gary Robinson

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Ghanaian and Chancel Choirs

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Moses Hogan, composer

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.
Jordan 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 waiting at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late.

Message

Poured Out for All Generation

Rev. Nizzi Digan

Reception Into the United Methodist Church

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Names

Sponsors

Quincy Addison-Ankrah
Beatrice Boafo
Faustina Botchway
Artealus Bragg Paitoo
Quindarius Caddell
Ingidzai Chihuri (5/10/26)
Yvonne Hamilton
Chelsea Okoh
Ebenezer Rajendran
Sheeba Ranjithabalan
Sheniqua Rogers
Sharon Walters
Sonia Walters

Paul Hayfron
George Mensah
Gifty Bentum-Asante
Emmanuel Kwesi Paitoo
Vivian Assie
Ruth Mawere & Solomon Aryee
Edith Isaac
Gifty Bentum-Asante
Pastor Nizzi
Pastor Nizzi
Judith Barton
Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy
Bill Robbins

The Offering

Sharon Walters, Quindarius Caddell, Beatrice Boafo, Faustina Botchway, Ushers

Offertory Music

Goodness of God

Sheniqua Rogers, solo

*Jason Ingram, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash,
Ben Fielding, Jenn Johnson, composers*

I love You, Lord for Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hand
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

**Refrain: Cause all my life, You have been faithful
And all my life, You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father. I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God. **Refrain:**

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrender now
I give You everything, oh Lord
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

*Doxology

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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

Debbie O'Driscoll

Empowering God, You are the one who pours out Your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld Your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As Your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts, not out of fear or obligation, but in response to Your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of Your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like Your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.

*Passing of Peace

Shalom

Mensah Essilfie, composer

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

Announcements

Gifty Bentum-Asante

***Closing Hymn/Recessional** *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*

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Jesus, Thine all victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.

O that in me the sacred fire might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire and make the mountains flow!

O that it now from heaven might fall and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for Thee I call, Spirit of burning, come!

Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;
scatter Thy life through every part and sanctify the whole.

***Benediction**

Rev. Nizzi Digan

Postlude

Spirit Descending

Ronna Davis, organ

Christian Heinrich Rinck, composer

Worship Leaders: Membership Class of 2026
Gifty Bentum-Asante, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Deborah O'Driscoll,
David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Bill Robbins,
Gary Robinson, Douglas Taylor,
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Wesley Ringers, Worship Tech Team

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This Week at Wesley

**Outside groups. Registration is required.*

Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:45 am VBS Volunteer Meeting
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

- 12:00pm Prayer Circle (MEL)
- 7:00 pm AA-BBSS (CH)
- 7:00 pm Wesley Ringers (BH)

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Friday, May 29, 2026

- 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal *

Saturday, May 30, 2026

- 9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
- 3:00 pm Wedding *
- 9am-5pm WAUM – Intro to the Philosophy of Kingian Nonviolence at QUMC

Sunday, May 31, 2026

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

For more events this month, there are copies of the May calendar in the Narthex.

The church office is open Wednesday through Friday from 10am – 2pm.