

Wesley United Methodist Church, Bloomington IL.

Sunday, May 31, 2020 - PENTECOST

Greeting

Organ Prelude

“Fanfare”

-Lemmens

Andrew Johnson, organ

Call to Worship

Come, friends, to worship. Come gather with us and watch for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

For in those, days, says the Lord, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.

Come, sons and daughters, children of God. Come to hear the word of God.

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

Young people and old, come see the kingdom God has prepared for us.

For the young shall see visions, and the old shall dream dreams.

Leaders and followers, rich and poor, people of every stage and status, let God’s Spirit fill you with power.

Even upon the humblest of servants I will pour out my power, says the Lord, and they will prophesy.

Opening Prayer - in unison

Come to us, Holy Spirit of God, and open our eyes and ears to your presence. May we truly know that you are near, and may we feel your power within us. Open our lips to prophesy and to praise, and put the words in our mouths so that all we say today brings you glory. May our worship be pleasing to you and reviving to us. Amen.

Opening Song

Living With a Fire

Chris Quilala

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Children's Time

The World Ablaze: A Presentation by Ali Akyuz

Prayer Song

Holy Spirit

Kari Jobe

Matt Sherrill, guitar

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Scripture Acts 2.1-12 (NRSV)

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Sermon

That Was Some Windy Day!

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Invitation and Prayer for the Offering

UMH #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

Closing Hymn UMH #420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Announcements & Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Andrew Johnson, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitar

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

Announcements

PENTECOST SUNDAY TODAY, May 31 2020

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

We invite families to pick up PENTECOST PARTY SUPPLIES at Wesley West TODAY from 12-2 PM. DRIVE-THRU between 12-2 pm to pick up special materials to HOST A PENTECOST PARTY at home!

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Each year it is a Wesley tradition to present our 3rd graders with a bible to help them continue their faith journey. If you have an INCOMING 3RD GRADER, we invite you to DRIVE-THRU Wesley West between 12-2 pm TODAY to pick up your BIBLE PARTY IN A BAG and have your child's photograph taken for our celebration during the service on June 7. Please contact Kathi Pritts at kpritts@wesley-umc.com to be sure your child receives a Bible.

HOPE Study

Join HOPE, an adult education class, as we continue to study Wesley sermons and the sermons of Adam Hamilton with a remote group study, it's not too late to join! We meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm. Please contact Kathi Pritts to sign up at kpritts@wesley-umc.com. Friends are welcome!

PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR - SUNDAYS 4-5 PM.

We want to be available to you during this time, not just to pray *for* you, but to pray *with* you. If you have prayer requests, joys or concerns, let's bring them to the altar together (virtually) Sunday afternoons by Zoom. Pastor Sara will meet you there and we'll pray together for each other, our families, community, nation and world. All are welcome, contact Pastor Sara at sisbell@wesley-umc.com if you'd like to join us. The link for the Zoom meeting can be found in the May 29th issue of the *Alive*.

Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078

Password: 628292

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7, IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

Please join us for "online Communion" by preparing your own bread and grape juice at home.

*Note: In Jesus' day, Passover/ritual blessings were observed with wine. United Methodists are sensitive to the needs of those who abstain from alcohol, and so we use unfermented grape juice in our public worship services. However, if your household has any of the following available for use in Holy Communion you are welcome to use: grape juice, grape juice cocktail, cranberry grape juice, red wine (fermented or unfermented), or even water, if you have none of the above. For bread, any kind of bread will suffice, including pita, tortilla or even crackers.