



May 28, 2023 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Pentecost

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*At **University UMC**, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.*



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GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude

Pastorale on “Forest Green” (Hymn 539)

Richard Purvis

*Call to Worship

Responsively

The Spirit is among us now!

The Spirit calls us to rejoice together!

The Spirit is moving in our world now!

**The Spirit calls us to do justice,
love mercy, and walk humbly with God!**

The Spirit is within us, alive in us now!

**The Spirit awakens us
to the movement of God in the world!**

Come, worship God, and be filled with love,

For God is about to rush the world with the Spirit!

*Hymn 539

“O Spirit of the Living God”

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.

Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God’s glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we raise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation’s glorious goal!

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Holy Spirit, rush upon us with all the power of the wind, so we might feel your presence. Fill our lungs with the breath of fresh air, the new life that you have brought into the world. Remind us that we are alive. As long as we have breath, we can do something that builds hope. As long as we have breath, we have your Spirit, and you will not let us fail. As long as we have breath, there is an opportunity for something new to happen, far greater than what we have experienced and far beyond what we can imagine, for your Spirit is in us. Renew our hearts and fill us, and call us forth in hope. Amen.

Anthem

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”
Solo ~ Patricia Johnson

arr. by Moses Hogan

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

In Unison

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:14-17

(NT, p. 1377)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Heirs to Transformation” The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

***Sung Response**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymn 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**

In Unison

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sung Response**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Reprise

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.

Prayers of the People

Responsively

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray . . .

The congregation responds to each petition, “Hear our prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer

In Unison

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.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

God is Good. **All the time.**

And all the time. **God is Good.**

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.*

Offertory

"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Thomas Tallis

Chancel Choir

*Doxology, Hymnal, p. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 2117

"Spirit of God"

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, born on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! 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, born on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! 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, born on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! 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, born on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! 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, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Improvisation

**Please stand if you are able.*

MINISTERIAL STAFF & THOSE SERVING TODAY

Senior Pastor The Reverend Justin Coleman
Executive Pastor..... The Reverend Jamison Doehring
Pastor of Outreach The Reverend Lindsay Ballance Collins
Pastor to Kindred Church..... The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults The Reverend Denise Waters
Youth Minister The Reverend Charlie Baber
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UNC Wesley Campus Minister The Reverend Ryan Spurrier
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Lector Jim Kocher
Generosity Moment..... Erika Lusk

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tapp Wood for his birthday by his family.