

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 19, 2024

The Day of Pentecost

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Lord, Speak to Me" Arr. Sandra Eithun

*CALL TO WORSHIP Bud Behlman, Liturgist

L: The rush of a mighty wind! Tongues of fire! Wow!

P: Lots of sizzle! What about steak?

L: That, too! God's Holy Spirit on everyone from every land!

P: Salvation to all who call on the name of the Lord!

ALL: PENTECOST! WOW! MAY IT BE SO AMONG US, TODAY!

*HYMN "O Spirit of the Living God" UMH #539

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*) UMH #542

God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Cecil Kerr, 20th cent., N. Ireland

Lord Jesus, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of the Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear; and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2:1-21
*PREPARATION HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334
THE SERMON "Wind, Fire and What Happened Then" Pastor Brian

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895
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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #333
"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

*BENEDICTION AND TABLE GRACE

POSTLUDE "Be Thou My Vision"
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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

FELLOWSHIP TIME follows worship in Fellowship Hall. Please join us downstairs! Don't know the way? Follow the crowd!

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church.

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Bud Behlman, Liturgist

Mark Davis, AV Tech

Fellowship Time Hosts: 2024 Vision Reveal

Ushers and Greeters: Jay and Rae Ann Hockenberry

PUBLICITY IN "VOICES": please see the article on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board about WUMC'S Christmas concert donation to the Community Services Council of Woodbury. Many thanks to our Communications Committee!

BOOK DROP OFF for the planned Book Sale is in the Narthex box. Bring books on Sunday or drop them off Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 4 pm during Matti Paparazzo's office hours on Thursday. Further details and the date of the sale to be determined, so keep your eyes open!

FOOD DROP OFF for the Woodbury Food Bank may also be left in the Narthex any Sunday or Thursday. See the list of needed items elsewhere in this bulletin. We dedicate these on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of the month.

OUR VISION 2024 REVEAL...

begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with a hot, complimentary meal. Presentations begin at 11:40 a.m.; a special "surprise" at 12:45 p.m. and adjournment at or before 1 p.m. No reservations needed! Just come!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are due **TODAY** to Catherine Mason at Catherine.mason02@outlook.com. See Catherine for assistance, to volunteer to lead in the service, or to submit names and schools from which our youth and young adults are graduating. Scholarships will be presented on Christian Education Sunday, June 2nd.

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We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

*The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor
Christopher Shay, Director of Music*

*Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*