

# Welcome to **WESLEY MEMORIAL**

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers  
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**  
**11:00 AM**

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*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2).*

# WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023

Sanctuary

11:00 am

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary on Old Hundredth*

Henry Purcell  
(1659-1695)

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray,  
and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

#### WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Patterson

#### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through  
darkened city street, unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and  
speaks a word of peace to all who hear.*

#### WOODLANDS

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER      Congregation reads bold print  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as  
you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength,  
so you never forsake those who make their boast of your  
mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 154

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

#### CORONATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our  
hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil  
in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have dis-  
regarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us  
grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being deliv-  
ered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of  
repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY RECOGNITION

#### WELCOME!

Thank you for  
worshiping with us this  
morning! Please take  
a moment to sign the  
Friendship Notebooks  
during the  
announcements. If you  
are a guest, please leave  
your contact  
information and a  
pastor will contact you  
this week with more  
information about our  
church.

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

CONDOLENCES TO ED WHITE on the death of his sister, Jane Smith.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ELEANOR "HAPPY" HALLIBURTON upon her death.

**Brother of "Happy"**  
Dr. Stuart Fountain

RECENT SURGERY  
Sam Hawley (Son of Lisa Hawley)

\*universal

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

David Cherwien  
(1957)

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

*If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways, you will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days; for those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move. What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in God's care and keeping, in sorrow will God love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss. Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content, trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent; nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always near. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully, and trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness. God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness*

### † DOXOLOGY No. 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### † HYMN No. 328

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

WOLFE

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4: 1-6 (N.T. Pg. 193)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*"Keep the Unity of the Spirit"*

Rev. Jeff Patterson

### † APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### † HYMN No. 553

*And Are We Yet Alive*

DENNIS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION  
*Three-fold Amen*

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

DANISH

† Those who are able please stand.

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### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Associate Pastor of Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Congregational Care/Senior Adults

Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern

Chancel Choir

Miss. Carol Huff, Alto Soloist

Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Visual Technician

Mr. Kyle Brown, Sound

Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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