

# 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 CHAPEL**  
**8:30 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

Chapel

8:30 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

† 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 forever. 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

#### Welcome!

Thank you for worship-  
ing 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.

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

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Georg Neumark  
(1621-1681)

### † 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*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

† Those who are able please stand.

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### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

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

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Congregational Care/Senior Adults

Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern

Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Visual Technician

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

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