

Music During Communion

Run to the Father
CCLI Song #7133494

Worship Band
Carnes, Maher, Jackson

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment

Spirit Song Hymnal 347

○ let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love. Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. ○ let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

○ come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. ○ give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Receiving New Members

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love to West University United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of this church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

*Benediction Rev. Tony Vinson

Postlude Worship Band

*Congregation is invited to stand

Anthem: Randy Porter, Janet Lindley, Jared LaVohn, Joyce Woodward, Solos; Laura McDonald, Congas

Worship and Ministry Team

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Rev. John Collier
Pastor Emeritus, 2024



VBS registration opens tomorrow, May 6, at 9:00 am

VBS is just around the corner! Our VBS, Start the Party, will be held from July 29-August 2 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm daily. You can register your child for VBS starting tomorrow morning at 9:00 am. To register your child, visit westumethodist.org/registrations.

School of Fine Arts Recitals

- **Today at 2:00 pm** come and enjoy listening to our adult guitar, piano, and vocal students perform.
- **May 19th at 2:00 and 4:00 pm** Our annual spring recitals are the high point of our year. All are encouraged to come and enjoy the performances of our children and youth students!

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 11:00 am

Pentecost is coming! Help us light up the Sanctuary by wearing red, yellow, and orange on May 19 as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Senior Sunday, May 19, 11:00 am

On May 19th we will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors during Worship! If you have a graduating senior in your family, please contact Terra Campbell at tcampbell@westumethodist.org.

Called Charge Conference, May 19, 12:15 pm

The Board of Stewards has called a special Charge Conference for May 19th at 12:15 PM, for the purposes of authorizing use of Capital Campaign Funds for the Sanctuary HVAC replacement. District Superintendent, Dr. Elijah Stansell, Jr. will preside.

West U Methodist School Spirit Night at Betsy's, May 21, 3:00-8:00 pm

Help support our preschool by joining us at Betsy's at Evelyn's park on May 21st! Enjoy a meal with friends and family between 3:00 and 8:00 pm and 20% of what is sold will be donated back to the preschool!

Find a full calendar and list of ministry opportunities at westumethodist.org

Sundays

Sunday School at 10:00 am & Worship at 11:00 am

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May 5, 2024
11:00 am

Prelude Eunice Lee
God Will Take Care of You arr. Cindy Berry

Announcements Rev. Emmanuel Afful

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Jake Dison

Christ Jesus came for the salvation of all,
The Spirit, also, was sent to all believing hearts.
In Christ Jesus, all tongues and tribes worship,
For Christ receives all who open their hearts to Him.
Let us worship our God Whose love extends to all people.
We praise You, God. Hallelujah!

***Opening Hymn** Hymnal 332
Spirit of Faith, Come Down

Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God, and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see, Who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.

No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord, unless Thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word. Then, only then, we feel our interest in His blood, and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"

O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb! Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of His name; the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart, and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive, the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe), the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move, and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

***Affirmation of Faith** Jake Dison

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.

***Gloria Patri** Hymnal 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Message Terra Campbell

*Greeting One Another

***Song of Praise** Worship Band
Holy Spirit B. Torwalt, K. Torwalt
CCLI Song #6087919

Verse 1
There's nothing worth more that will ever come close, no thing can compare, You're our living hope, Your Presence.

Verse 2
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, In Your Presence Lord.

Chorus
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory God is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence Lord.

Interlude
Your presence Lord

Bridge
Let us become more aware of Your presence, Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Offering Rev. Emmanuel Afful

Offertory Wesley Ringers
For the Beauty of the Earth arr. J.D. Frizzell
One License #AG35286

***Doxology** Hymnal 95

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.

Invitation Rev. Emmanuel Afful

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem Chancel Choir
Fill-a Me Up Pepper Choplin
One License #50-4066

Fill-a me up come a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up to the top of my soul. Fill-a me up come a Holy Spirit fill-a me up now and take control. So many things try to fill me up. So many things try to weigh me down. Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away. Now my heart is an open door, Here Your Spirit is welcome Lord. Fill-a my heart now and let it grow and change my life so all will know.

New Testament Reading Acts 10:44-48 | NRSV

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Sermon "Surprise" Rev. Tony Vinson

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the pastor continues
...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...the pastor continues
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...the pastor continues
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer Hymnal 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup