



WELCOME TO COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Sunday Service

Pentecost
May 19, 2024

Children and families are invited to the Grace Space at the front of the church for an enhanced worship experience.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Assistive listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

Will we choose to breathe in harmony with God's conspiracy of love and life?

Gathering Music

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Susan Krechel

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for sharing with all the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

*Opening Prayer

Spirit God, blow into our lives, move us to action, break down the walls that separate us. Where our language divides, offer us translation. Where our fear overcomes, fill us with the fire of courage. Where our lives are stuck, fill our sails with wind, moving us forward into the unknown future. Fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! Amen.

Special Music

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire
Chancel Choir & Praise Team

See Insert

Prayer for Illumination

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read, and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message

Co-Conspirators

***Hymn**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

He Never Failed Me Yet

See Insert

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Beloved community, we've been blessed with countless gifts. Your generosity fuels our church to embody transformation, extending the Spirit's power to a world yearning for renewal.

Offertory

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

arr. Mark Dorian

***Offering Response**

O God Beyond All Praising

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.

***Hymn**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(See Insert for hymn history)

UMH #404

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection!

Verses: Choir + Praise Team
Refrains: Congregation

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

O Church of God United

arr. Jason D. Payne



THIS WEEK IN JOURNEY...

Let's talk about how each of us read and interpret The Bible. We hope to see you in group this Sunday.

QUARTERLY MISSION FOCUS: Love Your Neighbor April, May & June Eras Senior Network

Our second quarter mission partner is Eras Senior Network, serving Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Eras' mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Eras' programs reduce isolation for seniors and mobilize volunteers of all ages to make important contributions to community needs. Eras is the result of a successful 2007 merger between the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Waukesha Co. and Interfaith Caregiving Network. Clients in Milwaukee County are residents age 60 years and over. Clients in Waukesha County are residents age 60 years and over or age 18 and over with a disability. For more information, please visit: <https://eras.org>.



The food pantry of **Rooted & Rising: Washington Park (formerly UMCS)** is requesting these "suggested" items for May. Thank you for your donations!

- breakfast items (cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal)
- hygiene items
- cooking oil
- flour & sugar

OWLS

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You are invited to attend the **OWLS MYSTERY DAY TRIP**, Thursday, June 20, 2024.

It's a complete mystery where you are going, what you will see and do and where we will eat lunch. Join us as we travel together and are surprised.

7:15 AM—Meet at CUMC/7:30 AM - Bus Departs/6:30 PM - Estimated return to CUMC
Reservation forms: OWLS bulletin board. **Deadline: May 31.**

Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing.

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – May 19th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary (Communion & Baptism)
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class – 10:45am – Disciple Room

Monday – May 20th (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)

- AA Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – May 21st

- Zentangle – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Program Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Praise Team/Contemporary Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

Wednesday – May 22nd

- Breakfast Fellowship – 7:30am – OFF SITE – Panera at Ruby Isle
- Missions Team Meeting – 10:30am – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 23rd

- MDO 4K Graduation – 2:00pm – Sanctuary
- AA Group Meeting – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – April May 24th (Pastor Bridget's Sabbath)

Saturday – May 25th

Sunday – May 26th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class – 10:45am – Disciple Room

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson; Christian Fuller; Katy Wilson; Don Down;
Sheryl Cavan; Jeff Turmel, Justin Forbes; Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Pastors: Rev. Kris Androsky & Rev. Bridget Case
Office: Chriss Stump – Office Administrator; Deb Cornell – Secretary
Music: Danielle Bridges – Director of Music; Tyler Walters – Praise Team;
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant – Organists

Special Music: *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire* arr. Moses Hogan and Edwin B. Hogan

*God's gonna set this world on fire,
God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, hallelujah!
God's gonna set this world on fire,
God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days!*

*I'm gonna sit at the welcome table...
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry...
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty...
God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days!*

Special Music: *He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray
Sky Fuller, Sarah Farrokhnia, Danielle Bridges, Joseph Krechel, Greg Fischer, soloists

Refrain:

*I will sing of God's mercy! Every day, every hour, He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils, and snares that He has brought me out!
He is my God, and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test!
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet!*

[Refrain]

*I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest,
I'm going home to be forever blessed!*

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet!*

[Refrain]

*Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do,
He delivered Daniel, and I know He will deliver you.*

*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet!*

[Refrain]

Thank you to Danielle Bridges for being our cantor this morning.

“Every time I feel the Spirit” explores the powerful combination of Spirit and prayer as indicated in the key words of the refrain. African American scholar W.E.B. DuBois (1868–1963) ascribed three gifts from the African American community that “mingle” with the others who occupy the land now called the United States of America. The first is “the gift of story and song.” The second is “the gift of sweat and brawn to beat back the wilderness, conquer the soil, and lay the foundations of this vast economic empire . . .”. The third gift is “the gift of the Spirit” (DuBois, 1903, pp. 189–190). The following witness indicates that the Spirit imbued enslaved Africans with both joy and endurance:

In slavery times, my master whipped me terribly, especially when he knew I was praying. He was determined to whip the Spirit out of me, but he never could, for the more he whipped me, the more the Spirit made me happy to be whipped.

The refrain may find its biblical roots in the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4), or it could be an extension of Paul’s understanding of the Spirit in Romans 8:26: “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (KJV)

Returning to the initial assertion by W.E.B. DuBois concerning the “gift of the Spirit” from the African American community to all in the United States, the following slave narrative, while bearing a specific poignancy in its context, is a witness that might be told by many:

I felt awful when I first got to church and took my place in the stand, waiting for the congregation to gather. And the spirit lifted me up. I forgot all about the pain and just lost sight of the world and all the things of the world. When the spirit begins to work with me it don’t have any cares for pain or anything of the world. . . . We rejoice because the spirit makes us feel so good and forget all worldly cares.

(umcdiscipleship.org. Read more by scanning the QR code!)

