

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

JUNE 4, 2023

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

*To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

\*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONGS OF PRAISE: EVERLASTING GOD  
GRATTUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: GOD CALLS US TO CHANGE THE WORLD INTO GOD'S REIGN.

PEOPLE: WE ARE FEW IN NUMBER AND POWER.

LEADER: GOD CREATED MIGHTY SEEDS THAT BECOME MIGHTY PLANTS.

PEOPLE: CAN WE GROW INTO A MIGHTY FORCE?

LEADER: GOD IS OUR CREATOR. WE ARE A MIGHTY FORCE.

PEOPLE: WE WILL SEEK TO USE OUR SMALL WORDS AND GESTURES  
FOR GREAT THINGS WITH GOD.

\*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

HOLY COMMUNION WITH PRAYER OF RESPONSE (IN UNISON):

WE HAVE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE,

WE HAVE EATEN THE BREAD OF HEAVEN.

GOD IS THE ONE WHO WILL TRANSFORM US

SO THAT WE CAN SEE WITH JESUS' EYES,

HEAR WITH JESUS' EARS, SPEAK WITH JESUS' MOUTH;

SO THAT WE CAN BE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD,

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S REIGN.

COME LORD JESUS! AMEN.

ASBURY WOODS MOMENT WITH ALEXA HENSLEY

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH PASTOR DUSTIN

This, this is where children belong.

Welcomed as part of our worship and song.

Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.

This is where children belong.

HONORING OUR 2023 GRADUATES

\*A SONG OF PREPARATION: THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT  
NAME- UMH 171

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:23-31 (NRSV)

23 After they were released, they went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, 25 it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: 'Why did the gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.'

27 "For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your

holy servant Jesus.” 31 When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?

**Yes, we believe It.**

**MESSAGE : PENTECOST: THE COMFORTER HAS COME: SPEAKING BODLY**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**A TIME OF GIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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.

**\*A SONG OF INVITATION: SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER** **UMH 496**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today: June 4:** Meeting night

**June 7:** September Club will meet for the last time before summer break at O'Charley's Restaurant at Noon. Each person is responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

**Bible Studies:** We will take a break from Tuesday Bible Study and Wednesday Bible Study Dinner during the summer. We will resume in the fall.

**WNK:** Wednesday Night Kids will continue to meet each Wednesday during the summer.

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