



Bethlehem

United Methodist Church

JULY 12, 2020

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Marching to Zion (UMH #733)

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

The let our songs abound, and every tear by dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, stillness settles around us like a fragrant flower. Peace dwells within us like a gently, flowing river. This new day, this radiant light is your gracious gift to us. O Wind and Breath of God, you send you drove of peace to bring a season of calm and a time of reflection. You come yourself to renew the earth, to reveal joy and to reshape hope. O Wind and Breath of God fill our lungs with the breath of joy. Fill our hearts with gratitude and life our voices in praise. Amen.

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (UMH #57)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

**My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name**

**Jesus the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace**

**He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me**

**In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven.
Anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (UMH#420)*
**Breathe on my, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldest do.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O Lord Most Holy

Arranged by Jerry Aultman

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

Spirit Song (UMH #347)

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs

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

Jesus oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1-11 (CEB)

“So now there isn’t any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn’t submit to God’s Law, because it can’t. People who are self-centered aren’t able to please God.

But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you..”

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Is My Story
With Mary Spencer, Flute

Price/Besig

SERMON

“Living in the Spirit”

Rev. David Lord

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Step by Step (W&S 3004)

O God You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days

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SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

On Eagle's Wings (UMH #143)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand

MAY GOD'S PEACE BE WITH YOU
