

✠ SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

SERMON

“One Spirit, Many Gifts”

Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS #2223

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

So now we leave this space of, and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads. We know God is love. We know Christ’s light endures. We know the Holy Spirit is there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet we again. Go in peace.

✠ POSTLUDE

“Toccata” G. Martini

Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....	Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....	L.A. Cothorn
Organist.....	Nan Leggett
Pianist.....	Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....	Suzanne Hall, Celia Lynch, Margie Rabon, Sandy Turner and Gina Deans
Soundboard.....	Bob Page

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pentecost
May 28, 2023



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here at Whiteville. We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" setting by Broughton Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

People: We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Leader: Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

People: We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.

Leader: Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

People: We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.

Leader: As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

People: We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

UMH #192

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. Open your hand to us, O God, giver of good things. Do not hide your face from us. Should you remove your Spirit from us, we shall surely return to the dust. Send forth your Spirit in this worship service today and let us be re-created. Renew us, O God, with your spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

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.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ.
All: AMEN.

THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Eternal Father" arr. by Mark Hayes

L.A. Cothorn

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD ("Praise God")

#95 UMH

✠ CHILDREN'S MOMENT

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Spirit Song"

UMH #347

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Lunch & Learn is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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Boy Scouts: [ages 11-18] Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall

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