

Mt. Lebanon UMC

May 19, 2024

11:00 AM



Many thanks to our ministers in today's Worship Service:

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850 Mt. Lebanon Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803

Small Church, Big Heart

Prayer Joys and Concerns

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Pentecost

Important Dates

- May 22
 - Missions Team Meeting @ 5 PM
 - Rescheduled from May 15
- May 23
 - Pre-Annual Conference on ZOOM @ 7 PM
- May 27
 - Memorial Day Service of Remembrance
 - Outside Chester Bethel's Thrift Shop
 - Time TBD
- June 6 – 8
 - Annual Conference in Ocean City, MD
- June 12
 - Family Promise Dinner held at Jesus House @ 5:30 PM
 - Admin Council Meeting @ 7PM
- June 15
 - Church Beautification Day from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- June 30
 - Joint Worship at Mt. Lebanon @ 11 AM
 - Moment for Missions Guest Speaker
 - Music for Missions Sunday Event @ 4 PM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow – Carol Doran

*CALL TO WORSHIP – for Pentecost Sunday¹

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: **The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: **Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: **Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: **Grantor of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: **May we feel God breathing through our worship.**

All: **May we receive the Holy Spirit today. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – “O Spirit of the Living God” UMH #539

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.²

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Cor 15:1-6 and Col 1:15-20)
UMH #888

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then

¹ Written by Joanna Harader, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/when-the-spirit-moves/pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources>.

² The *Episcopalian Book of Common Prayer*.

to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – Every Time I Feel the Spirit
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, come to us in the reading of your Word. Open us to your Spirit's presence in our hearts and minds, so that our lives may be a vessel for your truth, which brings hope to the world. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Spirit of the Living God” UMH #393

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You are invited to give in one of the following ways:

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into plates during offering time*

- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office*
- 3. You may find us online and click the “donate” button to access our PayPal and give via credit card*

Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY – Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
Frederick C. Atkinson

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

UMH #334

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Surely the Presence of the Lord
arr. Reflet des Nuages

*Standing, in body or spirit

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³ Adapted from original found on <https://peacefulpebbles.blog/tag/prayers-of-illumination/>.

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