Newtonville United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

We are so glad that you joined us for worship today! Whether you call NVMC your church home, or you are a guest with us today, we want you to know that no matter who you are, where you've come from, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Please take the time to fill out the contact card located in the pew, and place it in the offering basket when it comes your way. Our ushers and greeters are here to help you feel at home—so please don't hesitate to ask if you should need anything at all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge immediately following worship. Welcome!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Song

*We Share Christ's Peace

(by waving, smiling, sharing the peace sign, or bowing toward our friends)

We Are Called to Worship Kaylee Spendiff

The day of Pentecost is here...

The day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

The day of Pentecost is here...

The day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

The day of Pentecost is here...

The day when compassion is seared into our souls.

The day of Pentecost is here...

Let the people of God rejoice! Alleluia!

We Join in Song: Hymn #333 "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

Opening Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

Come Whirlwind of Wonder!

Sing to the groaning of creation.

Come, still small voice of hope!

Enflame us with your passion for justice.

Come, Liberator of the Least!

Purify us of our grasping greediness.

Come, Advocate of selfless living!

Silence our gossiping tongues.

Come, Harmony of God's Heart!

Wind of God, blow through us; Fire of God, burn within us; Tongue of God, speak to us on this day of renewal and birth, even as we pray. Amen!

Children's Time Sandy Rivenburg

We Pray Together

Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer/Reflection
Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together 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 and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

*Doxology #2036 "Give Thanks" / Offertory Prayer

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks!

We Hear the First Reading... Acts 2: 1-21

We Join in Song: Hymn #404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

We Hear the Gospel Reading... John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

The Message: Pastor Nick

We Remember What We Believe and We Affirm Our Faith/The 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living 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.

We Join in Song: Hymn #2120 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Our Statement of Commitment to Racial Justice

The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons; recognizing that the sin of racism has been destructive to its unity throughout its history, and racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization.

We, the community of faith at Newtonville United Methodist Church, shall confront and seek to eliminate racism, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large; working collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice at all times and in all places.

Sending Song: "Draw the Circle Wide"

Blessing/Prayer for Peace: Dr. Lydia de Wolfe



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