

**WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, FORREST, ACT.
PENTECOST 2
10:45am Liturgy
Sunday, June 9th, 2024**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, Vater (BWV 740) (JS Bach, 1685-1750)

Greeting: The Lord be with you
And with you!

**Acknowledgement of Country and Safe Church Statement
Lighting of the Community Candle**

Call to Worship – an invitation to prayer & praise

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

Let us worship God!

Hymn 98: We praise, we worship you, O God....

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth,

We praise you for your greatness.

Your wisdom is seen in all your works.

Your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ your Son.

Your presence and power are given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, O God we worship you for ever and ever. **Amen**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us
and is calling us to return to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us,
 for we have failed to be faithful to you,
 though you have been faithful to us.
 You show us your wisdom,
 but we prefer to go our own way.
 Our broken relationships with you and one another
 have created poverty in us and our neighbors.
 In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another
 for the work of justice, peace, and love,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

A time of silence for personal confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers do not lose heart.
 When we call,
 God hears us;
 when we confess,
 God forgives us.
 We believe and so we proclaim:
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology – TIS 96 v.4 expressing our joy

Sing praise to the Lord thanksgiving and son
 To him be outpoured all ages along;
 For love in creation, for heaven restored,
 For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord.

The Peace – one with God, and one with each other

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:4-11,16-20, pp. 218-219

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, p. 939

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35, pp, 814-815

After the Gospel the reader will say:

“Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet”

Please respond by saying: **“and a light to my path.”**

Preaching of the Word

TIS 490: Lord Jesus once a Child

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome this morning the Jesse and Lawton Bryant, who are members of our congregation, as we celebrate their son, William’s baptism. We also welcome William’s godparents, Phillip and Robyn Gurney. Sonia di Mezza, will be accompanying the minister in the sacrament.

THE RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn 563: Let him to whom we now belong.
[During which your offerings will be received]

Dedication of the Offering

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the People

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar for today: Botswana, Zimbabwe

Following the Petitions...

Come, come, O Holy Spirit

Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT

Hymn 580: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us....

Charge

Do not lose heart,
 For day by day we are being prepared for God's glory
 immeasurable and eternal.

Blessing

May our Creator who seeks and finds us,
 May Christ who calls and claims us,
 And may the Holy Spirit who renews us day by day, sustain us,
 Until all that is temporary is gathered into God's glory.

Our service has ended.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ.

Postlude: Finale on *Nicea* (Piet Post, 1919-1979)

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev'd Ian Diamond/ Rev'd Dr. Geoff Dornan
Reader: Simon Cowling
Music Coordinator: Jade McFaul
Organist: Dr Lorraine McKnight