

Newark First UMC Welcomes You  
May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday & Memorial Day Weekend

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kyle Houser

NFUMC MISSIONAL OUTREACH:

“We Sing of Your Glory” #2011

Blessing Baskets are for the benefit of “Family Promise of Wayne County”.

INTROIT

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Chancel Choir

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

Luke 24:49 Liturgist

God Calls: Jesus left his disciples a simple instruction: They were to wait. “Hold—stay put. Wait on the power. Nothing more. And absolutely nothing less. In the midst of a people who did talk about spiritual things, they were actually, and single-mindedly, to wait on the Spirit.

--Stephen V. Doughty, “Why Are They, Well, So...?!” *Weavings*

**We Respond: When we anchor our hope in God’s steady love and good plans for us, Hope becomes a permanent part of us. We have hope not because we are powerful or smart or resourceful but because of who God is.**

--Mary Lou Redding, *While We Wait*

† HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Holy Ground” #2272

OPENING PRAYER: *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God*

**Holy God, we desire to show your loving power to the world. Draw us nearer to you, and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we might shine with your love. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Wings of the Dawn” Chancel Choir

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:1-21 Liturgist

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826) Liturgist

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

<sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
**creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships, and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.

<sup>27</sup> **These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

<sup>28</sup> When you give to them, they gather it;  
**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
**when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
**and you renew the face of the ground.**

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

<sup>32</sup> **who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to the LORD in whom I rejoice.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

† GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39 Liturgist

EPISTLE READING: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:3b-13 Pastor

† HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Spirit of the Living God” #393

TODAY’S MESSAGE: “The Challenge of Life in The Spirit” Pastor

OFFERTORY: A Tribute to Those Who Gave It All

DOXOLOGY: #95

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER: Kyle Houser

† HYMN OF SENDING: “America the Beautiful” #696

† BENEDICTION WITH BLESSING:

POSTLUDE:

**Now, God Sends Us Forth to Be the Church in Service**

Newark First United Methodist Church  
Celebrates  
Pentecost Sunday  
Memorial Day Weekend  
May 28, 2023



Do you dare open yourself to  
God's Holy Spirit?

Pastor: Rev. David Herrmann  
Music Director: Stephanie Mercer  
Bell Choir Director: Jenna Taylor  
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Acolyte: Dallas Marshall

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Sound Board: Josh Mercer  
Liturgist: Eileen Godfrey