

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15, 2018

9:30 AM

Please enter the sanctuary quietly and reverently in the presence of the Lord.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Noemi Meza

PRELUDE

Nereyda SanchezTio

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy Riotto

Leader: Are you weary from your labors?

People: Here you will find rest.

Leader: Are you divided from family and friends?

People: Here you will find peace.

Leader: Are you spent from your efforts to bring God's kingdom?

People: Here you will find strength.

Leader: Are you looking for a shepherd to watch over you?

People: Here you will find the one who makes us whole.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Hymn 213
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Randy Riotto

Rock of our salvation, like a river in the desert, your love quenches our thirst for righteousness; like the bounty of the sea, your covenant feeds our hunger for peace. Your ways are like the moon, an enduring witness in the sky to the eternal nature of your love and care. Be present in our worship, Lord, and heal the wounds that divide us, for we long to be fashioned into a new humanity, and to be joined together into a holy temple, through Christ our shepherd. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Change My Heart, O God* On the wall

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Children of the Heavenly Father* Hymn 141

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament: Ephesians 1:3-14 Randy Riotto

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *You Raise Me Up* Chris Hilleshiem/Donna Bach

MESSAGE "In Christ's Family & God's Blessing" Pastor Noemi Meza

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* Donna Bach

†DOXOLOGY On the wall

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Noemi Meza

Bringer of peace, you shaped your people and gave them a home; you gave David rest from the wars assailing your people. We thank and praise you this day, for calling us to feed in your pastures and rest safely in your fields. In our gratitude for your steadfast love, receive the gifts we bring this day, that they may be signs of our love for the one you sent to be our shepherd. Amen.

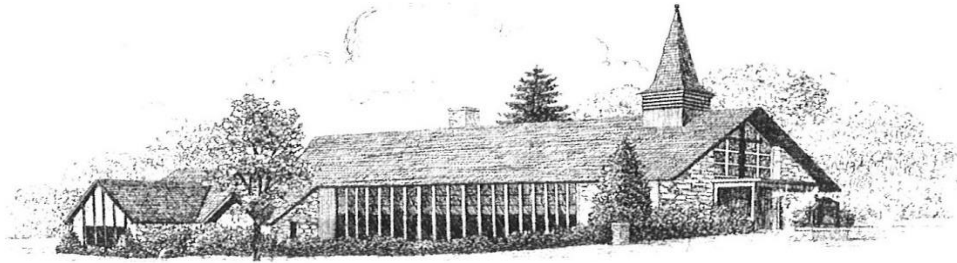
†CLOSING HYMN *My Tribute* Hymn 99

†BENEDICTION *Alleluia* All are invited to sing this praise to God.

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Donna Bach

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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Vision:

Living in the light of God's love and following Christ, we joyfully embrace the future as a welcoming multi-cultural church. We gather for worship, learning, spiritual growth and fellowship. We go out to serve, sharing the light of Christ by promoting justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

(Adopted by the Wesley Church Council, April 14, 2013)

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 A.M. Worship

Fellowship Time Following

Sunday School 11:00A.M. - Spanish Service 11:30 A.M.

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Church Staff

Elsa Noemi Meza –Lead Pastor

Omaira Mora –Fe y Esperanza Pastor

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist/Pianist

Erika Bringas & Santos Ortiz – Worship Multimedia

Gwen Catron– Office Administrator

Rod Ball – Custodian

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