

Woodbury  
United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 29, 2022

# Woodbury United Methodist Church

June 5, 2022

## Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday

\*Please stand as you are able.

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### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Near the Cross*  
Bell Choir

Judy Endean

GREETING

Pastor Michael Cobb

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Matthew Shupenis

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

**and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.

**And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

And there appeared to them tongues of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.**

\*OPENING HYMN UMH# 404

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by Matthew Shupenis

**God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Celebrate with Gladness*  
Bell Choir

Susan Geschke

# **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21  
Pastor Michael and Annabelle Cloud

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH# 347

*Spirit Song*

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

### A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN CONFIRMATION

### PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND STATEMENTS OF PERSONAL FAITH

*Annabelle Brooke Cloud*

Parents: Travis and Amanda Cloud

Mentor: Rae Ann Hockenberry

*Cody Cordova*

Parents: Dave and Wendi Cordova

Mentor: Paul Hibbard

*Zack Cordova*

Parents: Dave and Wendi Cordova

Mentor: Carolyn Shay

*Matthew David Shupenis*

Parents: David and Christine Shupenis

Mentor: Mike Boisseau

*James Austin Levario*

Parents: John and Patti Thomas

Mentor: Mollie Bodwell

CHARGE TO THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor Michael

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I

p. 33, *UMH*

### INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation,

and through the reaffirmation of our faith,

we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,  
acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to  
Christ's holy Church.

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates with the  
appropriate statements:*

I present:

Annabelle Brooke Cloud  
Cody Cordova  
Zack Cordova  
James Austin Levario  
Matthew David Shupenis

for confirmation.

*The pastor addresses mentors and candidates:*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

*The pastor addresses candidates:*

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

*The pastor addresses the sponsors:*

Will you who sponsor these candidates  
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

**I will.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons  
with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Parents of those being confirmed  
should come forward at this time.**

Annabelle Brooke Cloud, the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Cody Cordova, the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Zack Cordova, the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

James Austin Levario, the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Matthew David Shupenis, the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal Church,  
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?  
**I will.**

## RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service  
and your witness?  
**I will.**

## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
that you may live in grace and peace.

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND CERTIFICATES

Catherine Mason and Meg Temple

## A LITANY FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

written and led by Rynn Naylor

Our God, whose blessings we receive each day, we are here to worship and praise your holy name. We seek your counsel that we might gain wisdom to walk each day in your will. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**receive our prayer.**

Where we have failed to heed your counsel, where we have ignored the promptings of the Holy Spirit, where we have let our sins keep us blind to your calling, create in us a clean heart and a right spirit that we might hear and respond for your kingdom's sake. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**receive our prayer.**

Our Confirmands have studied and been taught your ways, and have now professed their faith in you. By your Holy Spirit, build up their hearts with a

fire for you and your kingdom that they may go forth making disciples in your name. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**receive our prayer.**

Into this world we are called to shine your light, to pray for the lost, hurt, sick, disenfranchised, and persecuted. We pray for the leaders in this world, that they may be guided by your wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit be turned loose in all the world that your power will be known and all peoples will seek your grace, love, and mercy. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord, we now offer our humble praise and thanksgiving. Bless these young people with strength and wisdom as they grow. Grant us your Spirit's power to be witnesses to them and to the world outside that they are to inherit. May your will be done in all places and at all times. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**receive our prayer. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Cody and Zack Cordova

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Child of the Lamb*

Barrett

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 95

Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives; we're grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines; we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change. Amen.**

*Silence.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



Hear these words of Jesus:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace  
I give to you.... Do not let your hearts  
be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”  
In the midst of our fears and doubts,  
the peace of the Holy Spirit will prevail. **Amen.**

## **WE GATHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

James Levario, Communion Steward

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We recall the words and blessings of Jesus each time we unite at his table. We remember the gifts of Jesus the Christ each time we wake to a new day and step into his renewed future.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

Through this table of bread and cup, we look toward the future with hope. We are reminded that our past lies behind us, that the grace of God has overcome our fears and our indiscretions. Through Christ's great love, we are no longer afraid of the future. Through Christ's gracious meal, we are provided a second chance.

On the night in which he gave himself for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP**

James Levario, Communion Steward

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORDS PRAYER (unison)**

**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.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Spirit of God bless the great table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God's grace in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the cup. May the Spirit of God encourage us to embrace our divine callings, as we all work to create God's realm here on earth. Amen.

## WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH IN JOY

\*CLOSING HYMN 500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* v.1, 5

## BENEDICTION

The God who made this amazing universe  
is creating you anew every day.

Jesus Christ, the resurrected One,  
offers you peace that never dies.

The Holy Spirit is setting your hearts on fire—  
right here, right now.

Go in peace, and be transformed,  
that you may change the world. **Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Butterfly Song*

Howard

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## The Prayer Corner

*In prayer, please remember the people of Ukraine; Bob and Martha Asman;  
Michael Etcheto, grandson of Barbara Etcheto, Lou Calabrese (husband of Lynn  
Ramsden-Calabrese); Linda Bailey; the family of Pat McWhirt.*

*With Love and Christian Welcome to Our Confirmands:  
Annabelle Cloud, Cody & Zachary Cordova, James Levario, and Matthew Shupenis*

*If you would like our confidential prayer team to pray with you or for you, please  
reach out to Carolyn Shay, 203-518-3177 or 1jerseygirl52@gmail.com*

# Woodbury United Methodist Church

*We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.*

Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor  
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Church office hours: Tuesday- Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM

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## Week of May 29, 2022

**Visitors are warmly welcomed!**

**If you would like to become a member** of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today:

*Annabelle Cloud*, Liturgist and Reader;  
*Matthew Shupenis*, Liturgist and Reader;  
*James Levario*, Communion Steward;  
*Elizabeth Styblo & Rebecca Hibbard*, Greeters and Ushers;  
*Zack and Cody Cordova*, Acolytes and Offertory Ushers;  
*Mark Davis*, Audio Visual Technician.

**Please note:** Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer available.

- **Video:** Go to [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net), scroll to the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
  - **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.
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Enjoy a painting class  
With Ms. Kate  
From the Golden Button!  
Friday, June 10 at 6:30 pm  
\$25 per person  
Limited seats available!  
RSVP by Friday June 3  
Refreshments will be served

Please contact WUMC office: (203) 263-4775  
wumc@woodburyumc.net with any questions



## COVID Response Team Update

As of April 4, we are delighted to announce that masks are optional during worship services, although we still encourage members of our congregation, who have not been vaccinated, to wear a mask. Further, pre-registration for church services is no longer required.

Please continue to maintain social distancing between different family units and refrain from attending services in person if you or a family member has been ill (e.g., have any cold, flu or COVID symptom). You can find a chart at <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2Freopening> to help you determine when it is safe to return to in-person worship after being ill or having been in close contact with someone else who is ill.

We will continue to livestream services, which are available online at our website, [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net), or our YouTube channel at [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP\\_AEcw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP_AEcw).

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### Schedule For This Week

<b>Monday, June 6th</b>	CRT, 7 PM via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, June 7th</b>	<i>Good Enough</i> Bible Study, 6:30 PM via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, June 9th</b>	Church Council, 7:00 PM, Assembly Room
<b>Friday, June 10th</b>	Intergenerational Paint Night, 6:30 PM, outside
<b>Saturday, June 11th</b>	Florence Brown Memorial Service, 3:00 PM
<b>Sunday, June 12th</b>	All Congregation Meeting, 11:45 AM, Sanctuary Peace With Justice Sunday
<b>Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Father's Day Celebrate WUMC June birthdays during fellowship!
<b>June 22-26<sup>th</sup></b>	2022 New York Annual Conference Virtual Meeting

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Save the Date:

Church Potluck

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
6-8 PM



## Seeking **LAWN MOWING** Volunteers

The Board of Trustees is currently advertising (Voices, Town Times) for someone to mow the church and parsonage lawns.

*We encourage any of our young adults (16 or older) to apply.*

In the meantime, please let us know if you would be willing to mow the lawn one or more weeks until someone is hired. Mowing takes about 1 hour. String trimming and blowing-off sidewalks is not necessary but appreciated.

The church has a self-propelled lawn mower.

**Please contact Bud Behlman at:**

(Cell/Text) 203-206-9276

(Email) [budbehlman@charter.net](mailto:budbehlman@charter.net)



## **WUMC Helping Hands Ministry**



### **Vision Statement:**

Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn.

### **Examples of Types of Services:**

- Handymen projects; Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor

### **Nominal Constraints:**

- Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days
- Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost
- Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule

**Please Contact:** Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at

[WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net](mailto:WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net) or (203) 263-4775.

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# Coming on June 12<sup>th</sup>

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Today is the day  
God cries with the masses of starving people,  
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,  
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.  
And so shall we.

—FROM A COMPANION LITANY TO OUR SOCIAL CREED

**O**n Peace with Justice Sunday, we partner with other United Methodist congregations in a special offering to support advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's creation with ministries that challenge structures of inequality. We empower people and communities through systemic change in ways that bring true and lasting peace with justice.

Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

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