

August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. David Fuquay

I Am the Bread of Life

John 6:24-35



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Welcome to Wesley Church!
We invite you to worship, grow, and serve with us
as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Gathering

Prelude *Partita on O Gott du frommer Gott I, II and III* J. S. Bach
Sharron Mies, organ

Welcome & Greeting Rev. David Fuquay

***Call to Worship** Rev. Yiwen Bi

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** (see page 6) *Gather Us In* Congregation

***Opening Prayer** Congregation

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand. Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** Congregation

A Time for the Child in Each of Us Rev. Yiwen Bi

Centering

Prayer for Illumination

Ray Norton

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 6:24-35

Scriptural Response

Let us join together in this response to our scripture reading.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

We are nourished by his love and called to share it with all.

Hymn of Preparation #599 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Congregation

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Thanksgiving

Offering Invitation

Rev. Yiwen Bi

Offertory

As the Deer
Katie Hatzis, soloist

Martin Nystrom

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Yiwen Bi

***Doxology #102**

Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1)
Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Blessed are you, our Alpha and our Omega, whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God. Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

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 Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the 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 Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the 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, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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.

Sending

Closing Hymn #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

***Opportunities to Connect and Serve**

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Partita on O Gott du frommer Gott IX
Sharron Mies, organ

J. S. Bach

Gather us in

Marty Haugen

D A C G Gm/Bb Dm

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, Now is the dark - ness
 2. We are the young-our lives are a mys-t'ry, We are the old- who
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, Not in some heav - en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a - way, See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light-years a - way, But here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm6/D D

Brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 Now is the King-dom, now is the day. _____

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in- the lost and for - sak - en, Gath-er us in- the
 Gath-er us in- the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us in- the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for ev - er, Gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; Gath-er us in- all peo - ples to - geth - er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm6/D D

We shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

Opportunities to Connect and Serve

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AT THE WESLEY AND PARKLAND COLLEGE FOOD PANTRIES

All Wesley Food Pantry locations need volunteers this summer. You can help! Go to <https://wesleypantry.org/volunteer.html>, then click on the “*Sign-Up Here*” button.

HANDBELL CHOIR GROUP

If you are interested in ringing handbells this year, please consider joining us. This is a casual group. No pressure. Not tied to performance in church. Not difficult. Day and time flexible. Open to anyone, any age, any skill level! Please contact Sharron Mies (spmies@gmail.com).

ADOPT A STUDENT, FIND A MENTOR

Calling all Students! Discover your home away from home at Wesley with our 'Adopt-a-Student' program. Connect with a church member for 2 hours a month, September through December. Share stories, laughter, and friendship while engaging in activities you both enjoy. Join us for orientation on Sunday, 9/15 at 10:45am at Wesley to meet your mentor. Email Pastor Yiwen at yiwen@wesleyui.org.

MOVIE SCREENING: COMMON GROUND

Wesley Social Action Mission’s team is excited to announce a special movie screening at Wesley theatre on **September 1st at 3 PM**. We will be showing "**Common Ground**," a thought-provoking film on the topics of climate and agriculture. Everyone at Wesley and in the community is welcome to join us for this event. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact: yiwen@wesleyui.org. We hope to see you then!

FRIENDS OF PRAIRIE AT WESLEY PRAIRIE POCKET

Join our Friends of Prairie team at Wesley Prairie Pocket. Whether you enjoy pulling weeds or taking pictures of the beautiful flowers and insects in the garden, we welcome your help! You can help at any time convenient for you. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Jim Fay: jimfay7@gmail.com Thank you for your support!

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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service

Eleven20 Coffeehouse Worship (11:20 a.m.)

Wesley Building Hours:

Open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Happening This Week

Sunday, August 4, 2024

10:30am Coffee Hour – Watseka Lounge

11:00am Animate Study – Conf. Room

11:00am Scriptural Foundations – Conf. Room

11:20am Eleven20 Worship – Etc. Coffeehouse

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

9:00am International Reading Group – Online

5:30pm Discipleship/Family Ministries – Conf. Room

6:30pm Staff Parrish Relations/Personnel – Conf. Room

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

9:00am Men's Bible Study – Conf. Room

1:00pm Fellowship Gathering – West Lounge

1:00pm Food Pantry – Parkland College

Thursday, August 8, 2024

12:00pm Property Meeting – Conf. Room

5:00pm Evening Food Pantry – Rooms 48 & 50

Friday, August 9, 2024

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group – West Lounge

3:00pm ESL & International Coffeehouse Picnic

Assisting Today:

Coffee Hour Host: Sam Jew Kim

Ushers: Kamil Tamimie, Harith Tamimie



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