

# Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Pentecost Sunday)

June 8, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*"While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when[a] you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."*

*[Acts 19:1-2, NIV]*

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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L: The resurrected Christ instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's promise.

**P: *As we gather for worship today, Spirit of God, come and fill us afresh with power.***

L: Jesus promised that the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father will testify about Him.

**P: *Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we also must testify and declare the wonders of God to others.***

## \*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

## \*OPENING HYMN

# 603

*"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"*

## \*A Modern Affirmation

# 885

## \*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

## HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

# 420

## OUR TIME OF PRAYER

## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

# 895

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

## \*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

# 95

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"There Is a Redeemer"

*Jackie Howard, piano*

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:26-27

## MESSAGE

Promise Fulfilled!

Pastor 'Debo

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"Spirit Song"

# 347

## \*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*For those who are able, please stand.

## Week At A Glance:

### Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
2:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting (Parlor)

### Wednesday, June 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)  
12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, June 14, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

### Sunday, June 15, 2025 (Trinity Sunday/Father's Day)

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

## **CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE 2025**

### Birthdays

9 Adeline Singer  
10 Melissa Kilbarger  
11 Betty Rogers

### Anniversaries

11 Curtis & Sarah Witham

### MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation  
Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne  
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer  
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer  
Custodian: Jeff Byerly  
Pianist: Jackie Howard  
Liturgist: Greg Howard  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



**GLOBAL**  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Allegheny West

**Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church**

1004 West Sixth Avenue  
Lancaster, OH 43130

June 8, 2025  
(Pentecost Sunday)



## **Promise Fulfilled!**

Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.  
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.  
Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

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**Magnolia Terrace:** Jane Patterson, 56

**Edgewood Manor (Lucasville):** Alan Fick, C3

**LanFair:** Mary Chilcote, 313

**Luxe:** Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

**Primrose:** Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

**The Ridge:** Fred Beougher, 140

**Continued Prayers are requested for:**

Sharon Byerly, Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,  
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon  
Mathias, Carla (Mathias), Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,  
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

\*Please note: Names will be removed from the bulletin prayer list after three Sundays and will only be added if a new request is made.

**Weekly Online Prayer Gathering:** Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from 7:00-7:30am to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # 425-436-6200 from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code 603577 followed by the # key and you will be able to participate. The gathering is open to members and friends of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time.

**Update On Current Situation With Our Community of Faith – Special Invitation to Attend Administrative Council Meeting:** We would like to extend an invitation to all members who are able to join us for our Administrative Council Meeting planned for this Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 2pm in the Parlor to get an update on the current situation regarding the future of our community of faith. As was discussed at the last Quarterly Congregation Meeting held on Sunday April 27, 2025 your leadership is exploring next steps regarding the preferred future that God has for our community of faith. In this regard, a joint meeting was held on Wednesday June 4, 2025 with the leadership of our sister Church, Mt. Zion GMC with our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Alice presiding. One of the potential options presented and discussed at the meeting was the possibility of a “Vital Merger” with Mt. Zion GMC – this option would have major implications for our community of faith which we would like to share with everyone as part of the discernment process. There is another option to remain as a separate congregation of the GMC. Based on our finances and projections, it has become clear that we can no longer afford to sustain our current facility with its many deferred maintenance needs and we are going to start exploring what our options are in this regard, including the sale of this facility and identifying another suitable location where we would move to either with Mt. Zion GMC if the Vital Merger is discerned as our best option or as a separate community of faith. In addition, based on our current finances and projections, the Administrative Council has made it clear to our Presiding Elder that we can no longer afford to have a Full Time Elder as our appointed Pastor and this means that a pastoral change will be happening here at Sixth Avenue in due course. While we understand that this all may be overwhelming for our members, we want to assure you that no final decision has been made on all these. We invite everyone to be in earnest prayer for the leadership of both churches as we discern together next steps under the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council or any member of leadership with any questions or plan to attend the meeting on Tuesday June 10, 2025 to get more details. Thanks!

**Membership of the Global Methodist Church (GMC) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration:** As previously announced, we are fast approaching the end of our second year as a member congregation of the GMC. This is an important milestone for our congregation and a great opportunity to thank the good Lord for how far He has brought us against all odds. We are going to celebrate together on Sunday, June 29, 2025, and we are going to have a Guest Preacher on that day. More details on this celebration service will be provided in due course by the Planning Committee. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us and invite your family and friends to come celebrate with us.

**Preaching Plan During Eastertide – Trinity Sunday:** As previously shared, today June 8, 2025, is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Today marks the end of the Season of Eastertide which is the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. We continue to explore some of the Scripture passages found in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) which provides a three-year cycle of scriptural passages for use on Sundays and other major days of the Christian Year. The Lectionary follows the pattern of the Christian Year with each cycle beginning with Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas when we prepare for the coming of Christ) and ends with the last Sunday after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide (this period may include as few as 23 or as many as 28 Sundays). This Season begins with Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025 which we will celebrate next week. The following is a summary of the remaining Messages:

- **June 8, 2025 (Pentecost Sunday) – Promise Fulfilled (Acts 2:1-21 & John 20:21-23)**
- June 15, 2025 (Trinity Sunday) – Life in The Trinity – Our Biblical Model (Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15)

Please keep the Pastor and the Worship Planning Team in your prayers as they lead us in this Season.

**Visit To Our Circuit By Rev. Bonface Wanyama:** We are delighted to share that our Zanesville Circuit will be hosting Rev. Bonface Wanyama, the Presiding Elder of the Nairobi District of the Kenya Annual Conference during his visit to the USA to attend our Annual Conference with their Conference Superintendent, Rev. Wilton Odongo who we hosted last year here at Sixth Avenue GMC. Please plan to attend one of the special gatherings on Wednesday June 11, 2025 where Rev. Bonface will be the special guest at Bremen Community Methodist Church, 205 N Mulberry St. Bremen, OH 43107. The Program starts at 6:30pm. Please see Pastor 'Debo for additional details.

**Pastor's Weekly Bible Study:** We will continue this week with our study of the Book of **Jeremiah** with focus on **Chapters 30-33**. Please mark your calendar for our weekly time of study and growing deeper on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Please read the chapters in advance and invite a friend. We will also spend time in prayer for personal and corporate concerns. Thanks!

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (June 8, 2025 – June 14, 2025):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

### Sunday June 8 (Pentecost Sunday)

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21; Reflection Verses: Acts 2:1-4

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What lessons do we learn from the disciples in this passage? How can we apply them?

### Monday June 9

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22-41; Reflection Verses: Acts 2:38-39

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Have you received the gift of the Holy Spirit? Who can you share this good news with?

### Tuesday June 10

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47; Reflection Verse: Acts 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we emulate the example of the early church? What are your spiritual disciplines?

### Wednesday June 11

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23-31; Reflection Verse: Acts 4:31

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the significance of the Spirit falling on the disciples again after they prayed?

### Thursday June 12

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-37; Reflection Verse: Acts 4:32

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How do you think the believers impacted unbelievers around them by their witness?

### Friday June 13

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:1-11; Reflection Verses: Acts 5:1-2

“Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What do you think made the couple to lie? What lesson (s) do we learn from their story?

### Saturday June 14

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-10; Reflection Verse: Acts 19:2

“... and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What does this passage reveal about the danger of assumption? Do you know the Spirit?

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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### **A Modern Affirmation**

**#885**

#### **Leader:**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

#### **Leader & People:**

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, as the divine presence in our lives, whereby**

**we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)**

**Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN**

## **Acts 2:1-21**

New International Version

### **The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

**5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

- <sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.
- <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.<sup>[c]</sup>

## **John 15:26-27**

New International Version

### **The Work of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>26</sup> "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.