



Photo by James Gardner

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

Allison Neil

Once again it is your birthday. Once again the time is here.

What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.

Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.

What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.

Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.

For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.

Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.

The Lord bless and keep you.

Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.

God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.



Nobody

Why You ever chose me has always been a mystery
All my life I've been told I belong at the end of the line,
With all the other not-quites, with all the never-get-it-rights
But it turns out they're the ones You were looking for all this time..

**I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody
all about Somebody who saved my soul.**

Ever since You rescued me

You gave my heart a song to sing

I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus.

Moses had stage fright, and David brought a rock
to a sword fight.

You picked twelve outsiders nobody would have chosen
and You changed the world.

Well, the moral of the story is everybody's got a purpose.
So when I hear that devil start talking to me saying,
"Who do you think you are?" I'll say....

I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody
all about Somebody who saved my soul.
Ever since You rescued me
You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus.

So let me go down in history as another blood-bought
faithful member of the family
And if they all forget my name, well that's fine with me.

Nobody

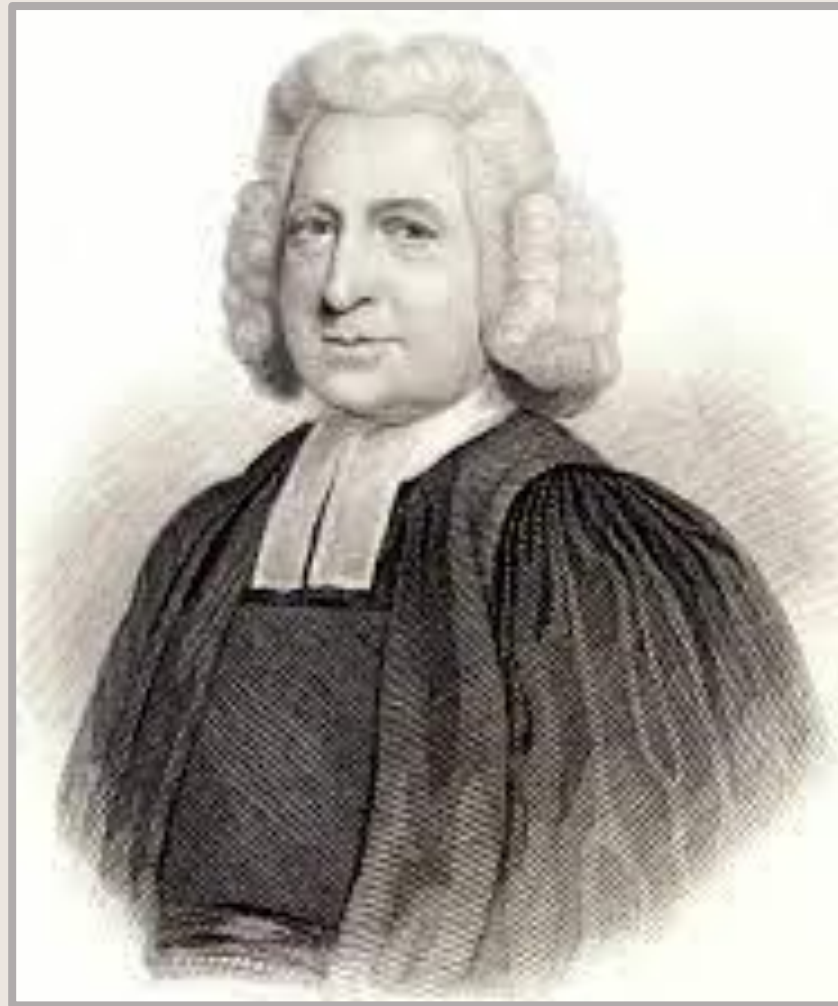


Pentecost - Shavuot



The background is a vibrant red with large, flowing, wavy shapes in a lighter orange or peach color. A thin, bright green ring is positioned in the upper-middle section. In the lower portion, there are several smaller, teardrop-shaped elements in shades of orange and red, some appearing to float or fall. The overall style is abstract and modern.

Pentecost



Charles Wesley
1707 - 1788



John Wesley
1703 - 1791

Opening Prayer

Eternal and loving God, on this Pentecost Sunday
help us to sense and understand the power of your
Holy Spirit. Guide us as we seek to respond.

Help us, through faith, to be better disciples.

Help us be open and awake when You call. ***Amen.***



John 14: 15-21

Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.



All this I have spoken while still with you. But *the Counselor*,* the *Holy Spirit*, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

* From Greek: *paraklētos*, or *paraclete*





Spirit of the Living God- UMH #393

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

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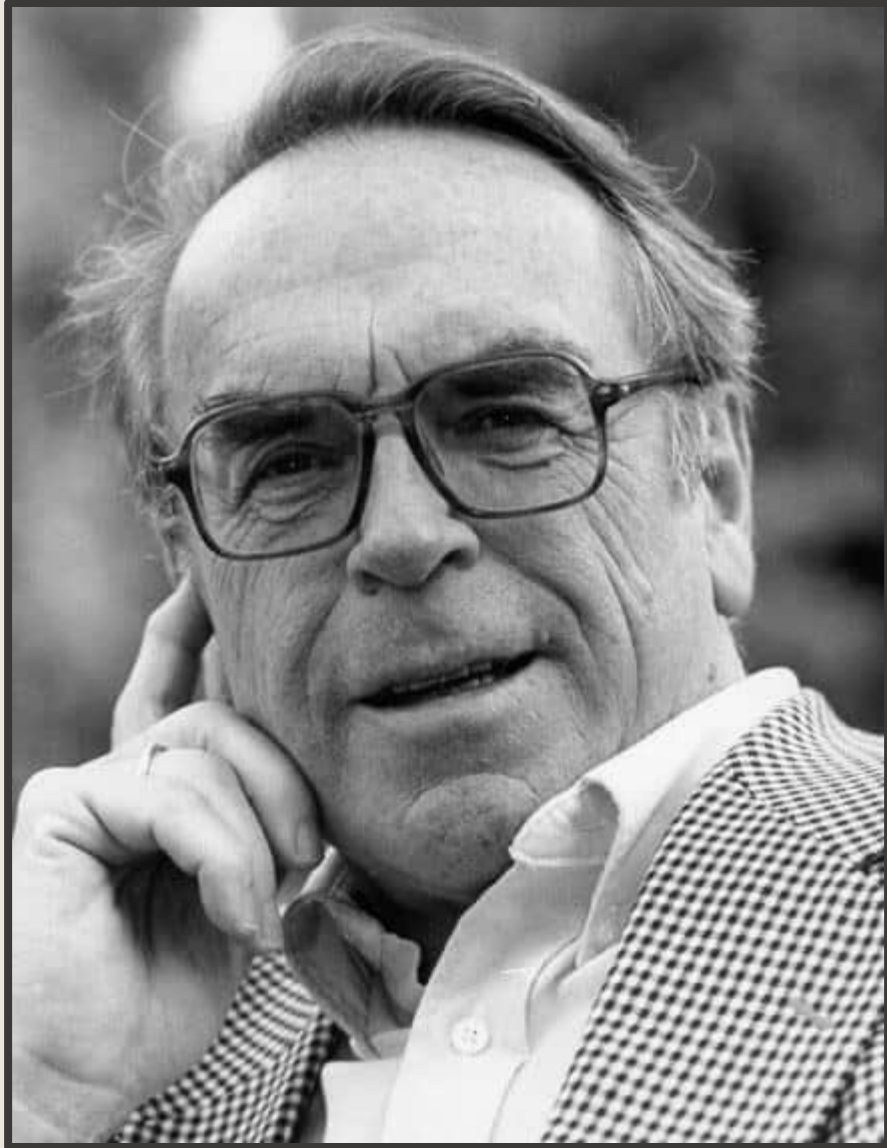
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

παράκλητος / Paraklētos
(from Paraklēsis, meaning *to exhort*)
English: Paraclete



Counselor: NIV, WEB
Advocate: NRSV, TNIV
Helper: BBE, Geneva Bible, KJV, NASV
Comforter: ASV, WB



“The person who possesses God thus’ [the indwelling of the Holy Spirit], takes in God’s divinity, and to that person, God shines in all things; for all things taste of God, and God’s image is visible out of all things. This implies a new, specifically Christian vision of reality, which is molded by the indwelling of the Spirit of God.” (*Jürgen Moltmann: The Spirit of Life*)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16

selected verses

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me.

Even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.



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Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure.

**You have made known to me the path of life.
You fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**



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I'll Fly Away-TFWS 2282

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away.

CHORUS

I'll fly away, oh, Glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away.





Acts 2:1–16

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.





Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.



Utterly amazed, they asked: *"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
Then how is it that each of us hears them in their own native language?
We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"*

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, *"What does this mean?"*
Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine.



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. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...”*



Paraclete

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Community Prayer

Almighty Father, Your Word is full of examples where You performed miracles for Your people. There are also many stories of ordinary people who were called to perform extraordinary acts in Your service. We need to remember that You never called anyone to do things on their own, but You are always there.

It is only depending on the power of the Holy Spirit that we too can do anything You want us to accomplish in Your in behalf, for this difficult and hurting world. Nothing is too difficult for You. ***AMEN***

Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.



Benediction

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