

Wesley United Methodist Church

October 12, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

To Love God with all our Heart–To Love the World as Jesus Does

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Visitors, Members, and Friends of Wesley, please sign the “Friendship Pad” to register attendance with us today. We are glad you are here!)

PREPARING OUR HEARTS “Everything to God in Prayer” Memorial Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP “LORD, WE’RE MADE IN YOUR LIKENESS” (James 3)

Leader: Lord, I am not perfect. My mouth is just a little too slick. And my soul is just a little too sick and tired of stumbling.

People: Lord, we’re made in your likeness.

Leader: I keep falling because sometimes my tongue gets in the way. I know right from wrong, but sometimes my tongue gets the best of me.

People: Lord, we’re made in your likeness.

Leader: It starts arguments and ignites fires that not even the firefighters can extinguish. My tongue, this sword of fire, has become an instrument of life and death.

People: Lord, we’re made in your likeness.

Leader: “If you want it, you can come and get some,” is my attitude. I am a Samurai. I am not the first, nor am I the last. I tried to put this all in my past, but it presently keeps finding itself in my future.

People: Lord, we’re made in your likeness.

Leader: I don’t want to keep living this way. I am ready to lay down my sword and shield to study war no more, but it’s hard. People keep coming for me when I never sent for them.

All: Lord, I am your child and I need you. Please help me control my tongue because we praise you and curse our brothers and sisters with the same tongue. And this should not be. Amen.

(Curry F. Butler, Africana Liturgical Resources, Pentecost Package #2, ed. Safiyah Fosua.)

*HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (UMH#206)

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(UMH#64)

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR LIVES, AND CONCERNS

(Our Altar is open for anyone to pray and bring their petition to God in a physical and intentional way. Ask, knock, kneel, and allow God to answer.)

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME *(Remember those on our prayer list.)*

MORNING PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“In the Name of the Lord”

Chancel Choir

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(UMH#94)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Lisa Renner

SCRIPTURE

James 3:1-12

MESSAGE

“Religion, Like Harvest, Needs Rein”

Rev. Dr. Shalom Renner

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“O to Be Like Thee”

(Lyrics on Screen)

FLOWER CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

*BENEDICTION

*Stand as you are able.

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SONG OF CELEBRATION

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*MUSIC OF PRAISE

PRAYER TIME

Personal Time of Prayer *(Please remember those on our prayer list.)*

Morning Prayer

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**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM

David Ludlum

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Lisa Renner

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Children Preschool through 5th Grade are invited
to Children’s Church **on the first Sunday of the month.***

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27; 3:1-12

MESSAGE

“Religion, Like Harvest, Needs Rein” Rev. Dr. Shalom Renner

*CLOSING MUSIC

*BENEDICTION

**Stand as able.*

Wesley United Methodist Church Canton, IL

TAMING OF THE TONGUE
JAMES 3:1-12



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