

Melissa UMC Virtual Groundbreaking - May 29 at 11:30 am – 3851 McKinney Street, Melissa – park on Highland Rd/CR 365 - Bring: shovel, face mask - Dress: hiking/farm field casual (jackets & ties not advised due to outdoor conditions)

Greeting & Introduction of Guests..... Rev. Stacey Piyakhun

Welcome to those joining us virtually from home or work! If you pre-registered, we have carried your names with us today as we stand in this place.

Call to Worship (“Called in God’s Presence on Pentecost” adapt.).....Rev. Dr. Tommy Brumett

If you will join us in a call to worship as we celebrate on this holiest of days. Your response will be “Come to us this day, Holy Spirit”

God who moved over the deep in a holy breath: **Come to us this day, Holy Spirit!**

God who spoke in a bush that was burned but not consumed: **Come to us this day, Holy Spirit!**

God who is present each time we gather: **Come to us this day, Holy Spirit!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit. Set us aflame, but not consume us. Fill us with holy nourishment:

..... **Come to us this day, Holy Spirit!**

Opening Prayer (BOW pp. 632-633) Rev. Dr. Ron Henderson

Almighty and everlasting God, ever exalted yet always near:

Be present with us, gathered together, to set apart this ground upon which we stand to the honor and glory of your great name.

Let your Spirit descent upon your church that will come to this place and within these walls let your glory dwell.

Fill with your love all who shall seek your face here; and as they depart from this place, go with them in the peace and power of your Holy Spirit, to be your church in the world;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Joshua 1:9Rev. Dr. Tommy Brumett

⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Scripture: Psalm 122 Rev. Derek Jacobs

¹ I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

² Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴ To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-19..... Rev. Owen Ross

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah,^[a] the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock^[c] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Message: Fix your eyes & move with courage Rev. Stacey Piyakhun

Offering: Call to generosity in response to God’s faithfulness (3 ways to give) Rev. Stacey Piyakhun

Teach response, “we break this ground today” Rev. Stacey Piyakhun

Breaking of Ground (BOW pp. 634-635)

Bishop McKee: To the glory of God, in the presence of this congregation, I now direct that ground be broken for Melissa United Methodist Church. The responsibility and the privilege rest upon us to cause a building to rise here that shall be a house of this people of God and a place devoted to the worship of Almighty God and to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. Ron Henderson: That a church may meet here where children shall learn to love God and grow in grace and goodness, and in favor with God and with all people,

All: We break this ground today.

Rev. Owen Ross: That a church may meet here where youth shall be inspired to pray and serve,

All: We break this ground today.

Rev. Derek Jacobs: That a church may meet here where the weary and heavy laden shall find inner peace that the world can neither give nor take away.

All: We break this ground today.

Rev. Dr. Tommy Brumett: That a church may meet here where God is worshiped in prayer and praise, where the Word of God shall be so read and preached that it shall become the living Word, and the Sacraments so celebrated that all life shall become sacramental.

All: We break this ground today.

Rev. Dr. Ron Henderson: That a church may meet here where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, and redeemed from sin.

All: We break this ground today.

Rev. Owen Ross: That a church may meet here where the grace of God may make our human lives into a Christlike love and our homes places of living witness for that realm where Christ is Lord.

All: We break this ground today.

Rev. Derek Jacobs: That a church may meet here from which, by the power of your Holy Spirit, your people are sent forth into this community and all the world as champions of justice and peace to all peoples.

All: We break this ground today.

Closing Prayer, prayed at blessing of property & church conference (back of cards/invite) Rev. Stacey Piyakhun

Eternal God, we join with Jacob in our promise... "If you will be with us and guide us in the way we should go, and will provide for us in the lean times and in the prosperous times, then we will follow you, and this small monument of stones will forever be a reminder to us of your promise and of our pledge of obedience to follow in your ways." (Genesis 28:10-22) As we build a place to worship you, guide everyone who has a part in the process from beginning to end. Pour out your Spirit on the architects, the workers, the permit-givers, the partners and especially on the neighbors who will watch with curiosity. Make us patient when things go more slowly than we would like. Make us more generous than we now imagine ourselves to be. And most of all, when the day comes to occupy a building, make us so eager to praise you that we cannot wait to share your Good News. Amen.

Dismissal with Blessings Bishop Mike McKee

Closing instructions (social distancing, masks on, sign canvas & take your marker!) Rev. Stacey Piyakhun

- If joining us virtually, canvas will be available for the next few months as we prepare to gather for worship. Watch for more info in MUMC email & First UMC Echo. Desire for everyone who was a part of this day to sign

Postlude