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# "Power to Live a Kingdom Lifestyle!"

This is Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the birth of the Church. It is a great day to get involved in the life of the Kingdom. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that there is supernatural power available to us in order to accomplish super things in the natural.

The promise of the Holy Spirit was made by Jesus to his disciples who would need that power to carry out the mission of making disciples and ushering in a new way of life. This power is Divine. It comes from Divinity. It inhabits Dust. It is Demanding. It helps us in Discipleship. It is Demonstrative. It is like Dynamite. It cannot be contained but must be Discharged and Disseminated. With this Divine power we really have something and therefore there are really no legitimate excuses for us to use as to why we are not living the kingdom lifestyle. Here's why.

We have the power to change our lives. We have the power to make a difference. We have the power to call things into existence. We have the power to bind and loose things on earth. We have the power to create a new world. We have the power to end gun violence. We have the power to heal our world. We have the power to reconcile families together. We have the power to bring joy, love, peace, and prosperity to our world. We have the power to change hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. We have the power to bring peace to stormy situations. We have the power to persevere, hang on in there, and be victorious in life no matter what we are going through that we are ultimately growing through.

The Rev. Roland Rolheiser wrote an article called the "Ten Commandments for the Long Haul"---Ten Commandments for facing life over a long period. Here they are:

- 1. Be grateful: Never look a gift universe in the mouth.
- 2. Don't be naïve about God. He will not settle for less than everything.
- 3. Walk forward when possible. When it feels impossible, try putting one foot in front of the other.
- 4. Pray that God will hang onto you.
- 5. Love. Put love first in your life. If a life is large enough for love, it is large enough.
- 6. Accept what you are ---and don't be afraid to be who you are.
- 7. Refuse to take yourself too seriously; laugh at yourself regularly.
- 8. Don't be afraid to be softhearted. Redemption lies in tears.
- 9. Stay with the folks. Remember—you are on a group outing.
- 10. Don't mummify. Stay alive and alert, and celebrate life.

Because you are filled with the Holy Ghost you can live these Ten Commandments and live the kingdom life. Be blessed!

# **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates. www.wesleyumcchicago.org

### SPIRITUAL THEME FOR May: "Live by Faith"

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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**Scripture for the month:** *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11:6)

Call to Worship		
Invocation		
Scripture	Acts 2:1-13	see video, or page 4
Psalm of Praise	Psalm 104:24-35	see video, or page 5
Announcements		
Offering		
Pastoral Prayer		
Today's Message	"Blame It On the Wind"	Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.
Invitation to Christian Discip	leship	

**Affirmation of Faith** 

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE				
Worship Video (05/16/21)	45 (views)			
Worship Conference Call "	30 (callers)			
Sunday School "	18 (callers)			
Prayer Group	6 (callers)			
Bible Study (PM only: 7)	7 (viewers/callers)			
Gloria Lomax Funeral	50			
TOTAL	156			

# Morning Scripture Acts 2:1-13 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.

# <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

# <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

<sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?

### <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

# <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

<sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

<sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

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## <sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."



## Are you ready to **RETURN** to **CHURCH**?

We're getting excited as we work to plan a fantastic return! Look for information on new protocols that are being followed whenever entering the church. A registration process will be required to ensure we remain in compliance with any attendance limits that might be in place when we return **July 18<sup>th</sup>**!

# Psalm of Praise Psalm 104:24-35

## (R) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!
*In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

<sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships, and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup> When you give to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

> <sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works,

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke!

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;*I will sing praise to my God while I have being.* 

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to the LORD in whom I rejoice.

<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

> Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

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### PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- Multiple ways to worship! Our worship services are now available online! Go to: www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap SUNDAY SERMON. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our Facebook page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the Weekly Worship Conference Call at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- Do you have the *GivePlus+* app? Electronic giving just got easier!! Vanco's *GivePlus+* app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for **Apple**, or **Google**) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message! Simply send a text to our <u>DEDICATED</u> text number, 1-833-595-0705, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Access** Vaccination access has opened up and registration for appointments is now available to all persons 12\* and over. **Walk-in appointments** are now available at **all mass vaccinations sites** in the Chicago area! Note: Not all facilities distributing vaccinations are 'mass vaccination' sites and appointments, while not required, are still recommended. If in question, check your local information or check your emails for our updates. (\*Only the Pfizer vaccine has approval for use with **12-17 year olds**.)
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Information** Wesley UMC has registered as part of the **Protect Chicago Plus** team, focusing on getting the word out about vaccine events in the area. Be sure to watch your email for updates on vaccination events in and around the areas closest to the church. Of course, should we receive verified information regarding other events, we will share it.

Jessie Gilmore	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Liana Geddes	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Huron Wilson	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lem Newell	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doris Echols	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kelson Gainey	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Yvonne Wormsby	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Anderson	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Hancock	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Trinity Jones	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Zoe Green	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Davis	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
Jessie Stokes	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cameron Woolery	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bessie Moore	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
Thaddeus Cecil	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Key	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Jackson-Williams	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Kyna Stinson	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Funches-Fox	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lawrence Moore	May 31 <sup>th</sup>

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Be sure to wish our members with May birthdays 'Happy Birthday!'

### PRAYER LIST

## Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

	SHUT-IN					
	*Minnie Thompson (20)		*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)			
	*Lucile Sanders (16)		*Doris Anderson (1)			
	*Clarence Sanders (16)		*Spencer Plaxico (17)			
	*Barbara Shepherd (18)		*Jessie Stokes (19)			
	*Eric Geralds (3)		*Helen Tuck (7)			
	*Fred Williams (20)					
		GENER	AL			
*Callie Dulaney &	Family (12)	Nannie Ag		Kather	ine Thompson	
*LaRue Grizzard (		Byron Agn	ew, Jr.	David Williams		
*Gloria Banks (20	)		Annie Lois Robinson		Owen McPherson	
*Doris Echols (16)		Jessica Sm	ith Crenshaw	Gregory McPherson		
*Mary Alice Lovel	y & Family (19)	Joyce Chis	em-Davis	James Taylor		
*Diamond Jones (	(12)	Carolyn Ra	ansom	James	Curtis	
*Trinity Jones (12	)	Sylvia Nich		The Ba	ker Family	
*Lawrence Moore	e (13)	Milton Kel	lum	Anna Y	oung	
*Wilena Campbel	I-Watkins (5)	Rosie How	vard	Doroth	ıy Williams	
*Mark Garrett an	d Family (5)	Natesha S	mith	Lois Tu	cker	
*The Plaxico Fami	ily (17)	James San	ders	Katherine Evans		
*Denise Richardso	on (20)	Joanna Le	nnhardt	Carl Fra	azier	
*Clarence Rogers	, II & Family (4)	Martha Muhs		Robert A. Watkins		
*Jessie Gilmore (1	L6)	Muriel Bolden		Aaron Thomas, Jr.		
*Maurice & Faye	Smith (17)	Gregory Simms		Michael Miller		
*Theresa Bradsha	iw (12)	Norbert Sanders		Angel Acosta		
*The Moss Family (13)		Brittany Porter		Vinelle Myrie		
*Charles & B.J. Cu	rtis and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller			dria Ward	
	ranklin Family (20)	Ashley Parks		Davion McNeal		
*Ena Davis (1)		Kathy Jenkins		Willie Moore		
*Doris Thompson (19)		Rebecca Merkson		Peaches Clark		
*Helen York and Family (5)		John Anderson		Larry Clark		
	ox and Family (10)	Jerry Simmons		Justin York		
	hester Plaxico (17) Rochelle			Russell		
	n Sanders & Family (3)	The Ford & Robinson Families		Percy & Essie Hayes		
	*The Porter Family (5)		Mila Kuntu		d Forest	
*The Family of Lu		Ron Birton		Takia Yearby		
*The Family of He		Aiden Combs		The Anderson Family		
*The Family of Sa		Rashaud Thompson		The Marshall Family		
*Daphne Hicks an		Leslie Carey Kirk			eddington Family	
*Laniya Bradley &		Douglas Hargray			Williams	
		Robert Lea			Juanita Weatherspoon	
*Lillye Hart and Family (3)		Mwata Bowden		Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.		
			enda Lewis		Robert Leach	
		Ethan Cars	son	Lenora	Omar	

Please remember to update the church office with needed changes to the prayer list!

Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the

# MAY 2021

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

#### church buildings or on ZOOM.

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# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

#### Talking About Serious Mental Health Conditions in the African American Community

A mental health condition refers to a wide range of disorders or illnesses that can affect mood, behavior, feeling, or thinking. Serious mental health conditions are a smaller and more severe subset and can have a substantial impact on 1 or more major life activities. There are many different types of serious mental health conditions, including depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia.<sup>1</sup>

#### How common are serious mental health conditions?



It is estimated that 1 in 25 adults in the United States experience serious mental illness.<sup>3</sup>

#### What do I do if I believe that I or my loved one has a serious mental health condition?



Recognize and acknowledge that individuals diagnosed with these diseases can live full, rewarding lives, especially if they seek and follow treatment as needed.



Research using reputable sources to identify the symptoms of mental health conditions and find support and care services.



Reach out to family members, friends, advocacy organizations, or your healthcare professional (HCP) to help build your support network.

Regroup with your HCP to find the right treatment plan and learn about available resources. Talk about your concerns, feelings, and ways to improve your mental health.

Remember, mental health conditions are nothing to be ashamed of. They are medical conditions, like heart disease or diabetes. It's important to speak up, speak out, and actively communicate with an HCP. Finding the right treatment plan can make a difference for you or a loved one living with a mental health condition.

IF you or a loved one is in crisis, call 911 as soon as possible. If you or a loved one meets someone to talk to, there is confidential support available 24/7 for everyone in the United States by calling 1-800-273-8233 for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

This resource has been developed as part of a paid sponsorship with Januari Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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# Social Commentary

## Mayor Lightfoot Calls Out Media For Glaring Lack of Diversity

by Mary Mitchell



Mayor Lori Lightfoot's decision to "exclusively" provide one-on-one interviews to journalists of color ahead of her two-year anniversary set off a firestorm on Twitter, and in the city's newsrooms. "This is beyond disappointing. It's disgusting. We are going backwards in this country on race relations," wrote one commenter. While another person replying to @MaryAnnAhernNBC had a different take: Many whites are throwing fits because of their white privileges [sic] challenged. This is called leveling the playing field, more equity-minded practice. Lightfoot's manifesto, delivered midway through a challenging first term marked by a deadly pandemic, rising homicide rates, at least two questionable police shootings and a dehumanizing police raid, have some accusing Lightfoot of trying to boost her image by taking on a longstanding race-related issue that shocks those unfamiliar with the press corps.

"I have been struck since my first day on the campaign trail back in 2018 by the overwhelming whiteness and maleness of Chicago media outlets, editorial boards, the political press corps, and yes, the City Hall press corps specifically," Lightfoot said in a two-page letter dated May 19 that was sent to the major news outlets in the city to explain her decision to offer Black and Brown journalists a rare interview opportunity. "While there are women of color who sometimes cover my administration, there are zero women of color assigned to the City Hall beat. Zero. I find this unacceptable," the mayor said.

But to be fair, this is not the first time a politician has set aside time to talk specifically to Black journalists in a group about issues concerning Black Chicago. Those concerns are often different from matters raised by white reporters. Lightfoot's predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, often met with the Black press behind closed doors for off-the-record chats. And one of the first groups to meet privately with President Barack Obama during his first term was Black columnists. The small steps toward diversity, however, get harder to maintain as newsrooms shrink and writers of color move on to more lucrative professions. An article posted at niemanlab.org, "The moral argument for diversity in newsrooms is also a business argument ...," written by Nicole A. Childers, cites a 2018 Pew Research Center analysis using 2012-2016 data that shows only 23% of newsroom employees are people of color despite being 40% of the U.S. population.

A 2019 Radio Television Digital News Association survey found that 14.5% of radio employees and 25.9% of local TV news employees are people of color, according to Childers. But of even more concern, "Over the past decade newsroom employment in the U.S. has dropped by a staggering 23%," the writer found.

The lack of diversity is a subject that newsrooms have wrestled with for decades. Lightfoot just dragged it out into the light of day for the public to see. Now it's on newsrooms to deal with. After all, we are purveyors of the truth, and this truth is staring us in the face every day.

# Little Known Black History Fact

# Roy Hargrove



**Roy Hargrove** may not have been a mainstream name but in the world of jazz and music period, the virtuosic trumpeter was rightfully regarded as a major talent. Hargrove passed away on November 2, 2018, reportedly from cardiac arrest. Roy Hargrove was 49. Born on October 16, 1969, he was raised primarily in the Dallas, Texas area. As a student at Booker T. Washington School of Performing and Visual Arts, he was discovered by **Wynton Marsalis**, who visited the school in 1987.

The young player left an impression and the pair formed a bond which led to side gigs for Hargrove with the likes of Bobby Watson and other major players. He also obtained a scholarship to the Berkley College of Music, leaving after 18 months to attend the New School in New York in a move that transformed his career.

At 20, Hargrove released the first of his five albums for the Novus label, *Diamond In The Rough*, in 1990. He also kept steady work as a sideman beginning in 1988 while continuing to perform studio work for a bevy of jazz notables, including Sonny Rollins. Hargrove was named one of the "Young Lions of Jazz," a loose collective of young jazz players who played the "Neo-Bop" jazz style.

Hargrove won two Grammy Awards in his career. The first came in 1998 with his Afro-Cuban band Crisol and their album *Habana*, which won for Best Latin Jazz Album. In 2003, alongside Herbie Hancock and Michael Brecker, Hargrove won the Grammy for Best Instrumental Jazz Album.

Another hallmark of his career was that he served as a vital bridge between the intersecting worlds of jazz, hip-hop and R&B. Hargrove played alongside Erykah Badu, D'Angelo, Common and several others. His RH Factor band melded diverse musical genres as well. Reports say that Hargrove suffered with substance abuse. In 2014, he pled guilty to cocaine possession and was sentenced to two days of community service. Hargrove is survived by his wife, singer Aida Brandes, daughter Kamala Hargrove, his mother Jacklyn Hargrove, and a brother, Brian Hargrove.

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### **Homebound Seniors and People** with **Disabilities**

Chicago Dept. of Public Health is starting a program for in-home vaccination of seniors and people with disabilities who are homebound. This service is being provided by uniformed Chicago Fire Department community paramedics who can produce identification.

Call: 312-746-4835

## 2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan) Week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>

### May 23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39 John 13:1-30 Psalm 119:1-16 Proverbs 15:29-30

### May 24

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23 John 13:31-14:14 Psalm 119:17-32 Proverbs 15:31-32

### May 25

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18 John 14:15-31 Psalm 119:33-48 Proverbs 15:33

2021 "The Year of Restoration" (1 Peter 5:10)

### May 29

2 Samuel 14:1-15:22 John 18:1-24 Psalm 119:97-112 Proverbs 16:8-9

### May 26

2 Samuel 9:1-11:27 John 15:1-27 Psalm 119:49-64 Proverbs 16:1-3

### May 27

2 Samuel 12:1-31 John 16:1-33 Psalm 119:65-80 Proverbs 16:4-5

### May 28

2 Samuel 13:1-39 John 17:1-26 Psalm 119:81-96 Proverbs 16:6-7