

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 17, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
 - **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

Appalachian Pastorale

William Ness, organ
Franklin Ashdown b. 1942

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Byungmoo Lee, Liturgist

One: Is there a time more precious than now?
Is there a place more heavenly than here?

**Many: Is there a limit to how much we can receive from a generous God?
Is there a wrong stronger than God's forgiveness?**

One: Is there a Word under all the words?
Is there a silence more holy than just being quiet?

Many: Is there a mystery that shapes human destiny beyond our cleverness, insight and effort?

One: Is there a way when no way is clear?

Many: We come together, our God, and our spirits are open to you.

*Hymn

We Sing to You, O God

TFWS 2001

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.

Your bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him) [Feel free to sing in either language]

Me yi n'aye, Me yi Nyamea' ye...

Me yi Nyamea' ye, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

English:

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

Joy like a river

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Holy God, Source of questions and Companion on the search,
help us to know and to feel that this is the time so precious to be shared;
this is the place where joy is colored with heaven;
this is the moment where grace is abundant and forgiving;
this is the day where silence and word dance together;
this is the season when mystery brings buds to flower and new life to wintry woes.
This eternal now can open a new way, a path of hope, a direction of peace, and a shower
of joy. May we live with that awareness and with overflowing gratitude. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Rev. Stacey Lanier

The Offering

Offertory

Arioso in A-flat

Arcangelo Corelli 1653-1713

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Cares Chorus"

TFWS 2215

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

**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.**

Solo

Ed Laliberte, tenor

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of thy Peace

Olive Dungan 1904-1997

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

*Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Message

“Just One Thing”

Rev. Stacey Lanier

*Hymn

Spirit of God

TFWS 2117

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.

For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

*Shalom

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!

The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

Brenda Portman b. 1980

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