

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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*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.*

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*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.**
  - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

This Little Light of Mine  
To God Be the Glory Fanfare

William Ness, organ  
Calvin Taylor, 1948  
Lyle Neff, 1959

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Donna Hirtle, Liturgist

One: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**Many: God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**Many: Give thanks to God, call on God's name;**

One: Make known God's deeds among the nations;

**Many: Proclaim that God's name is exalted.**

**All: Sing praises to God, for God has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

\*Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

[Refrain] Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

\*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard  
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

### **Unto The Lord Be The Glory**

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...  
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.  
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

### **Praise, O' praise, my God and King**

Praise, O praise, my God and King.  
Hymns of adoration, sing;  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Lord our God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Chris Flagg

Holy Baptism

Aiden Nana Kwame Tanoe

### **PROFESSION of FAITH**

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*The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Aiden Tanoe with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Bible.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

**I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

#### **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

#### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God, I commend Aiden Tanoe to your love and care.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.  
**Amen.**

#### The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Wesley Ghanaian Choir  
Desmond Cheatham, director  
Sam Asare Bediako

Me tease yi (*It is by your grace that I live*)

\*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

\*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.

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.**

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21  
Matthew 25:35-40

Message from Children

Sunday School

\*Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

UMH 585

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, (x3)  
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, (x3)  
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine.

All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, (x3)  
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

UMH 673

"God Be with You till We Meet Again" (v. 1)

God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Trumpet Flourish

Leon Nelson, 1942-2022

Call to Worship – Isaiah 12 ALT. Revised Standard Version.  
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 391.  
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