

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday/Thanksgiving Sunday

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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

Now Thank We All Our God  
Ye Servants of God

William Ness, organ  
Albert Travis b. 1940  
Alec Rowley 1892-1958

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: Worship God with gladness;

**Many: Come into God's presence with singing.**

One: It is God who made us, and to God we belong;

**Many: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise.

**Many: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.**

**All: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn

"Ye Servants of God"

UMH 181

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

\*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard  
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

**Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)**

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'  
Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

You own our praise! You own our praise!  
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

**I Have Joy In My Heart**

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Prayer for Reign of Christ (*unison*)

**Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Solo

"Thankful"

Merri Lynn Braman  
Native American Flute

\*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.**

Anthem

Wesley Chancel Choir, David Potts, director  
My Eternal King Jane M. Marshall, 1924-2019

\*Gospel Reading

John 6:25-35

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

\*Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH 428

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span,  
may we hallow life’s brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

\*Shalom

God’s peace be unto you,  
We wish you Shalom!  
The peace of God which transcends all  
understanding be with you forevermore.

Mensah Essilfie

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

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

UMH 673

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

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach 1685-1750  
arr. Virgil Fox 1912-1980

*We welcome Merri Lynn Braman, a Native American Flute performer who is also a composer, to our service today. She is the daughter of eminent composer Margarita Merriman.*

Call to Worship – Psalm 100 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Prayer for Reign of Christ – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 421.  
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