

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day Service

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.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude	William Ness, organ
Sing We Now of Christmas	James Pethel b. 1936
Four Familiar Nativity Carols	Alice Jordan 1916-2012
What Child is This?	Richard Purvis 1913-1994

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship Naa Dromo Aryee, Liturgist

One: O sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth.

Many: Sing to God, bless that holy name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

One: Say among the nations, "God is sovereign! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. God will judge the peoples with equity."

Many: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

One: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before God, who is coming to judge the earth.

Many: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.

*Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Christmas Carol

Sunday School

The Offering

Offertory

Merry Christmas

Emmanuel Attach

Christmas is with us, join the celebration, It's a time to rejoice, rejoice my brother, my sister,
Rejoice, rejoice, come and share the jubilation.

Merry Christmas to you, Merry Christmas to you, over land, over sea, Merry Christmas to you.

Merry Christmas, to you my brother, to you my sister, oh, oh, Merry Christmas
to you.

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Like a Child"

TFWS 2092, v.3

Like a child born to pray and to show us the way,
like a child here to stay, Jesus comes.
Like a child we receive all that love can conceive,
like a child we believe, Jesus comes.

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

John 1:1-14

Anthem

Wesley Ghanaian Choir
Desmond Cheetham, director
Sam Asare Bediako

Tie! Tie! Abɔfo Reto Dwom
Hark! Hark! The Angels are Singing

Hark! Hark! The Angels are singing,
Hark! Hark! The Angels are singing,
Hark! The Savior is born for us,
The sheep of the Lord has been born unto us
Hark! Jesus, The Savior has brought peace
Hark! Jesus, the Savior has brought happiness.

Hark! Hark! The Messiah is born
Hark! Hark! He is Bethlehem.
Hark! Hark! Glory in the highest,
Peace is here on earth.
He is our Savior,
He has brought happiness,
Hark! Jesus, the Savior has brought peace,
Hark! Jesus, the Savior has brought happiness.

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

UMH 242

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God-head, Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*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

William Ness, organ
Maurice Whitney 1909-1984

Joy to the World
Carol Fantasy for Organ

Call to Worship – Psalm 96 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 278.
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