

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 19, 2023

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

Prelude Meditation on *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* William Ness

*Call to Worship

One: God is great and is exalted over all the peoples.

Many: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

One: Holy is our God!

Many: Holy is our God!

One: Lover of justice, you have established equity.

Many: You have brought justice and righteousness.

One: Extol the Most High our God; worship at God's footstool.

Many: Holy is our God!

*Hymn "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" UMH 258

O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he flows!

From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise)

Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so...
Hwie nhyira bi fa me me! Hwie W'a yaresa gu me so me.

I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise!... Pour your blessing in my cup, pour your healing in my cup O Lord...

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*)

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

Donald Rotermund b. 1932

*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

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 17:1-9

Anthem

“O Glorious Sight”

David Cherwien b. 1957

... In the form of God's light presence, Christ we see;
Mystic present past and future unveiled into view;
Transforming fire, reflected fair, Divinity revealed;
Unseen is seen and eyes of prayer, Embrace the mystery Alleluia.
O Giver of Light, by the rising hymns and voices may we see,
By the holy sight of glory dedicate anew our souls and flesh, our very breath,
To a transfigured world, Unseen now save with eyes of faith Seen then in verity.
Alleluia!

Susan Palo Cherwien 1953-2021

Message

*Hymn

“Come Away with Me”

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Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and pray with me on a gentle sea,
on top of a hill in the Galilee,
in gardens like Gethsemane.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come today with thoughts of the countless ways
that God's steadfast love blesses all our days,
and join with me in silent praise.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and say, in words whispered from your soul,
the feelings and actions you can't control.
Your spirit needs to be made whole.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come away with me to a quiet place,
to God's loving arms waiting to embrace
all those who come in hope of grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

*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

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

Postlude

Steal Away to Jesus

Richard Warner 1908-1983

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness, Debbie O’Driscoll,
David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Sandra Toffay, Wesley Choir, Wesley Ringers Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 99 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 259.

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