

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Chorale Trieste

Brenda Portman b. 1980

Aubade

Greeting & Announcement

Centering Song

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

*Call to Worship

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills, from where will our help come?

Many: Our help comes from God, who made heaven and earth

One: God is our keeper; God is our shade at our side.

Many: God will keep us from all evil, and will keep our life.

All: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*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]

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

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

We Will Celebrate Our God

We will celebrate our God!...

Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.

We will celebrate our God!...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Conversation

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.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Leo Sowerby 1895-1968

*Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

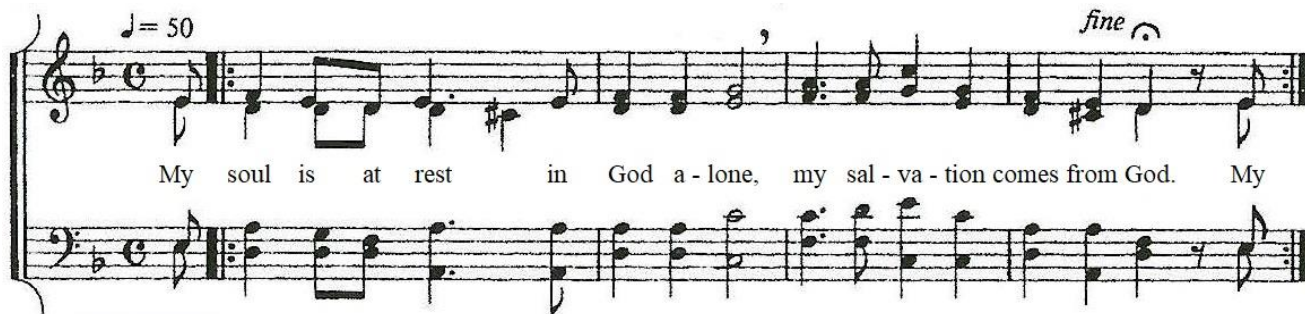
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Reflection & Meditation

(When leader sings thru once; then please join in.)



Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

“Spirit Song”

UMH 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
 Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
 O let him have the things that hold you,
 and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
 Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
 O give him all your tears and sadness;
 give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

*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

*Benediction Response

“Shalom to You”

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
 May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
 In all your living and through your loving,
 Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

Shepherd, Show Me How to Go

Alice Jordan 1916-2012

Today is Women Composers' Day across the U.S. stressing the importance of their contribution to music in worship. Brenda Portman is organist at Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH where she provides music for worship, accompanies Wesley and Cathedral choirs, and is director of their organ concert series. Dr. Portman is published by Lorenz Corporation, Dayton, OH. Alice Jordan was a longtime Methodist active at First UMC, Des Moines, IA. She is known for her organ, choral and instrumental scores published by several publishers. Alice was a generous acquaintance of mine and wrote a voluntary march for me I used at a graduation.

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 121 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 245.
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