

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

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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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Joyce Jones 1933-2022

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Greeting

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: O come, let us sing to God;

**Many: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

**Many: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

Many: Let us kneel before God, our Maker!

**All: For this is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture, and the sheep of God’s hand.**

\*Hymn

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

UMH 479

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

\*Praise Songs

**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...

**God You're So Good**

God you're so good. God you are kind.  
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.  
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Announcements

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

UMH 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin b. 1941

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and our contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

\*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

\*Gospel Reading

John 4:5-10, 13-14, 19-26, 34-42

Anthem

Who loves you like Jesus

James Varrick Armaah

Who loves you like Jesus? What friend loves you like Jesus?  
Who in your family loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

He was disgraced, He was slapped. He was spat on because of our sins. Who is like him? Truly,  
there is no one like him. Who loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

Message

\*Hymn

"Gather Us In" (v. 1, 2 & 4)

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Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreaming,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light-years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

\*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

*Toccatà on Aberystwyth*  
*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Brenda Portman b. 1980

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

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