

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 23, 2023

Centennial Anniversary 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.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.



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Prelude

Sinfonia Festiva

James Biery b. 1956

*Processional Hymn

“God of Love and God of Power” (*stanzas 1,3,4*)

UMH 578

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou has called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou has called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou has called us for this hour.

*Welcome

*Greeting

One: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

*Common Prayer (*unison*)

God of history and time, we praise you for the many gracious acts of salvation you have granted upon this congregation in its 100 years. Help us to look ahead, and continue to bless us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

*Hymn

“And Are We Yet Alive” (*stanzas 1,3,4,6*)

UMH 553

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

Litany

One: Save us, O God, from living in the past and from resting on the work of those who have gone before us. Let us find a new beginning and a new vision, that we may know our task in this place and in this world today.

Many: O God, give us vision.

One: Enable us to accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those who will follow after.

Many: O God, give us courage.

One: Spare us from the pride that separates and excludes. Defend us from the ignorance that perpetuates injustice and from the indifference that causes hearts to break.

Many: O God, give us understanding.

One: Being united in the United Methodist Church, sharing in the great mission that you have set before us, let us find in your church a prod to our imagination, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power in doing your will.

Many: O God, give us strength.

One: O God, who has given us minds to know you and hearts to love you: send your Spirit upon us, make us one, and free us to serve you.

All: Amen.

Children's Conversation

Children Singing

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine.

Hide it under a bushel No!, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
hide it under a bushel No!, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
hide it under a bushel No!, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let in shine.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible Tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

We Are the Church

Refrain I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. *Refrain*

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. *Refrain*

The Offering

Praise Songs

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...

I will lift up your name higher

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful
I will lift up your name higher...

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!...

Offertory Anthem

"Giving Praise"

Newlove Annan b. 1973

When the morning guilds the sky with the beauty of the sun;
When the li'l birds sing their joyful phrase!
With a heart so pure and true,
With my eyes fixed in the sky I will sing may Jesus Christ be praised.
May Jesus Christ be praised, All praise and honor to him for evermore!

*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! Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Choir: The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature to heaven’s garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory!

All: Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Testimony

Carolyn Bellil
Osei Ansah
Danielle and Cordelia Ferdinand

Two Anthems

Easter

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872 -1958

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand,
that thou likewise with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is the best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long;
Or since all musick is but three parts vied and multiplied.
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Antiphon

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872 -1958

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:
My God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither flie;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:
My God and King.
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:
My God and King.

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:1-5

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Anthem

Your Grace and Mercy

Newlove Annan b. 1973

Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far,
Lord, had it not been for Your Grace, what would life have been like?
Life has been very rough; but Grace has always been my guide,
Lord, Your Grace has taken care of me to date. (2x)

You never gave the promise that the journey would be easy,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far!
Your Grace and Mercy is all I need,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far. (2x)

Abundant Grace, Abundant Grace, Abundant Grace, and having Mercy upon us,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought us thus far!
Your Grace and Mercy, is all I need,
your Grace and Mercy has brought us thus far!

Your Grace and Mercy, Your Grace and Mercy,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far!

Message

"A Living Sacrifice"

Rev. Vicki Woods

*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work an praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

*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

*Choral Blessing

“Catch the Vision! Share the Glory!”

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Postlude

Gaudeamus!

Richard Proulx 1937-2010

Festival Brass Quintet

Daniel Farina, Scott Daugherty, trumpet
Luke Hodson, French horn
Andrew Knight, Pall Kalmansson, trombone

Congregational hymn brass settings by Gerry Senechal, Robert Lehman, Richard Proulx, and Chris Hansen.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Vicki Woods, Judith Barton, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle,
Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Scott Taylor,
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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*Please stand in Body or in Spirit

Catch the Vision! Share the Glory!

Jaroslav J. Vajda

VISION
Setting by Carl Schalk



1. Bless - ed chil - dren, saints, e - lect of God,
4. For this time and place have we been born,



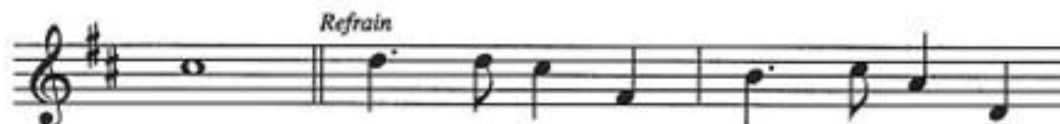
Globe - en - cir - cling cloud of wit - ness - es:
Gift - ed by the Spir - it, trained, and sent:



We have heard the Christ - mas an - gels, We have seen the
With the eyes of Je - sus see - ing, With the hands of



Eas - ter sun - rise, Cried with joy when Christ be - gan his
Je - sus help - ing, With the words of Je - sus bring - ing



reign.
life. Catch the vi - sion! Share the glo - ry!



Show the cap - tives, tell them: Christ is here!