

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

Prelude

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Donald Busarow 1934-2011
Robert Powell b. 1932

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: God has heard my voice and my supplications.

Many: I will call on God as long as I live.

One: God is gracious and righteous; our God is merciful.

Many: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Most High.

All: I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God's people. Hallelujah!

*Hymn

Christ Is Alive

UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

*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...

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg b. 1955

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

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 Believe

Lon Beery b. 1958

I believe, I believe, I believe,
I believe in the sun,
I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.
I believe, I believe, I believe in love,
I believe in love, I believe in love even when feeling it not.
I believe, I believe, I believe in God,
I believe, I believe, I believe even when God is silent.
I believe, I believe, I believe in God.
I believe, I believe, I believe in God.

*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

*Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Message

*Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

[*Refrain*] I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

*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

I Love to Tell the Story

Emily Porter b. 1942

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness,
Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Istan Slamet (clarinet),
Sharon Wilson (flute), Chancel Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 116 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 392.
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