

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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Prelude

Glory of the Easter Feast

Franklin Ashdown 1942-2023

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: In you, O God, I seek refuge; in your righteousness deliver me.

**Many: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

**Many: For your name's sake lead me and guide me.**

**All: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

\*Hymn

Saranam, Saranam

UMH 523

Jesus, Savior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam;  
thou the Rock, my refuge that's higher than I: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.  
In the midst of foes I cry to thee, from the ends of earth wherever I may be;  
my strength in helpless, O answer me: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

Jesus, Savior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam;  
thou the Rock, my refuge that's higher than I: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.  
In thy tent give me a dwelling place, and beneath thy wings may I find sheltering grace;  
O lift on me the sunshine of thy face: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

Jesus, Savior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam;  
thou the Rock, my refuge that's higher than I: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.  
O that I my vows to thee may pay, and that by thy faithfulness to me each day  
may live, and on thy love my burdens lay; Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

Jesus, Savior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam;  
thou the Rock, my refuge that's higher than I: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.  
Yesterday, today, fore'er the same, lo, the heritage of all who bear thy name;  
to ransom them from sin the Savior came; Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

\*Praise Songs

**Praise, O' praise, my God and King**

Praise, O praise, my God and King.  
Hymns of adoration, sing;  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

**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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Announcement

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

How Firm a Foundation

Robert Lau b. 1943  
*See last page for words.*

\*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

*Gospel Reading		John 14:1-14
Message		
Holy Communion	“The Great Thanksgiving”	UMH 13-14
*Hymn	“Here I Am, Lord”	UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*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	Hymn of Praise	Robert Lau b. 1943
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*Music Note:* Robert Lau has more than 400 choral and keyboard works published by the leading music publishing companies in the United States. He has been commissioned to write choral and keyboard works for a variety of churches, individuals, and institutions. He has been awarded fifteen Special Awards from ASCAP for his published choral and keyboard works.

Worship Leaders: Janet Amoako, 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 31 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
 Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 329.  
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## How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)  
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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