

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 14, 2023

Sixth 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 Chaconne in E minor, BuxWV 160 Dieterich Buxtehude 1636-1707

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship the One who created us,

Many: The One who calls us,

One: The One who equips us,

Many: The One who loves us without end.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God, the One in whom we live and move and have our being

*Hymn

Maker in Whom We Live

UMH 88

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"
Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*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 Have Joy

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...
Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.
I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us. Amen.

United Women of Faith Mission Recognition Award

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 Music

For Your blessings in My Life

James Varrick Armaah b. 1984

For your blessings in my life, your glory will never fade away
Your glory will never fade away, Saviour.
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
Your glory will never fade away, Lord of grace.

What song shall I sing? What dance shall I dance?
What words can I express, Lord of grace?
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
I will praise you without end, Lord of grace.

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

*First Reading Acts 17:22-31

*Gospel Reading John 14:15-21
If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

Message Deborah O’Driscoll

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
 fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Gordon Young 1919-1998

Worship Leaders: Krysta Asante, 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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