

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 11, 2023

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Adagio

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Allegro

G. F. Handel 1685-1759

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: God calls us to move

Many: But we fear the unknown places.

One: God calls us to move

Many: But movement can be uncomfortable.

One: God calls us to move

Many: So we move, trusting that God goes with us preparing the way.

*Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

*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...

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*)

Holy God, you call us again and again to leave our comfort zones and follow where you lead. We resist out of uncertainty and fear because the outcome seems uncertain. We become stuck, paralyzed by the unknown before us. Help us to hear your voice still speaking, help us to see you at work in the world. Grant us the courage to have the faith to go where you send. Grant us the boldness to go where you say. Walk beside us as we journey in faith to encourage and strengthen us. 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 Music

Suo Mo Muo (Hold On to Me)

Emmanuel K.B. Attah

Hold on to me, Father, hold on to me always.
Hold on to me, my Lord, hold on to me always.
When I am with you, I am victorious. I owe my success to you.
So give me patience, blessings and love. Hold on to me.
My Lord, hold on to me always.

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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle Reading Romans 4:13-25

Anthem Aseda (Thanks) J. G. Koomson

Aseda se wo, Aseda nka Nyame wo sor
 Ayeyi nye ntonton se wo Aboso Nyame a Eye Kese
 wonsa no ndwuma dzia danse de Eye Nyame ye som woa ofa ta

Thanks be to you, thanks be to you, Thanks be to God on high.
 You are worthy of praise and adoration. Lord of all, You are great!
 All your handiworks bear witness that you are God who is worthy to be worshipped.

Message Deborah O’Driscoll

*Hymn In the Midst of New Dimensions TFWS 2238

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
 who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
 we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now
 and evermore.

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
 grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. *[Refrain]*

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
 may your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. *[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 Toccatina Ramón Noble 1920-1999

Worship Leaders: Naa Dromo Aryee, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Malcolm Halliday,
 Chris Kerns, Debbie O’Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Worship Notes

Call to Worship and Common Prayer: from the “Move Mountains” worship series, a resource of the Greater New Jersey
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