

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 25, 2023

Fourth 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

Canon no. 2, Canon no. 4
from *Six Studies in Canon Form, Op. 56*
Played on Two pianos

Robert Schumann 1810-1856

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Many: O my God, in you I trust.

One: Make me to know your ways O Lord; teach me your paths.

Many: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

One: You lead the humble in what is right; you teach the humble your way.

Many: All the paths of God are steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you and favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may fix our eyes on him and steadfastly follow in the paths of your kingdom. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Announcement

2023 New England Annual Conference Report

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 Men's Mini Harvest

Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him)

I will praise God, I will praise my God...
I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise)

I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise!...
Pour your blessing in my cup, pour your healing in my cup O Lord...

We Will Celebrate

We will celebrate our God!...
Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.
We will celebrate our God!...

Osee Praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God!
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...
He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Me te ase yi
(It is by Your Grace that I Am Alive)

Sam Asare Bediako

It is by Your grace that I am alive.
God, You have done a lot for me.
My Lord, I owe you thanks.
I will sing and give you adoration.
Whatever I have belongs to you.
It is by your Grace that I am still alive.
My Lord, I owe you thanks.
I will sing and give you adoration.

*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

*Passing of Peace

“Shalom”
God’s peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

Mensah Essilfie

Celebration of Graduates

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Anthem

But They That Wait

Newlove Annan *b. 1971*

Solo:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall walk and not be weary;
But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

But they that wait, but they that wait, but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

All parts:

But they that wait, but they that wait, wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

So, wait for the Lord, so, wait for the Lord, He will guide and uphold you.

But, they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

Message

*Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we’ll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

*Benediction

Postlude

Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee

Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-1933

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