

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 2, 2023

Fifth 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 Prelude in B minor, Op. 19 John Knowles Paine 1839-1906
 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Emma Lou Diemer b. 1927

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: You are righteous, O God, and your judgments are right.

Many: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

One: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

Many: Your law is the truth, and your commandments are my delight.

All: Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

*Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

*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...

I Have Joy in My Heart

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...

Prayer for the Nation (*unison*)

God of all nations,

**we thank you for the life and history of our country,
for its vast beauty, its wilderness,
and wealth of forest, mine, and sea.**

We praise you for its people,

**the people whose ancestors
have been here for thousands of years,
and those who have just arrived.**

We thank you for the variety of our traditions and our cultures,

**the riches of our spiritual and religious heritage,
the strength of our democratic institutions.**

We pray for our nation,

**for our citizens, residents, and governments
that working together we may face the future
with confident hope and faith in your purpose for our world.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Recognition of Service and Farewell

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 Piano Duet

Four-Hand Piano

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

John Schaum 1905-1988

*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

*Passing of Peace

"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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

Anthem

Kyere me Kwan (Show Me the Way)

Justice G. Francois

Show me the way, show me the way, Almighty God

Show me the way so that I may not get lost

Where are we going? Only you know. Will all be well? Only you know.

Take my hand, lead the way. Almighty God.

Take my hand, lead the way so that I may not stumble.

Message

Holy Communion

"The Great Thanksgiving"

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

"America the Beautiful"

UMH 696

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;

for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee;

and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

*Benediction

Postlude

Finale from *Symphony no. 1*

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

Worship Leaders: David Dagle, Donna Hirtle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Marjorie Ness, William Ness,
Debbie O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 119 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
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