

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 16, 2023

Sixth 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

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God's people can testify.

Many: We are redeemed from trouble. God delivered us from our distress.

One: God gathered us.

Many: Give thanks to God for all God has done for us!

*Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

*Praise Songs

Ayeyi Wore (You Own Our Praise)

You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

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...

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (*unison*)

**Give us, O Lord,
steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward,
unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out,
upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God,
understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Reception of New Members

Andreas Abbey, Deborah Plant, George Plant

The congregation responds:

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

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 MUSIC

Oye (He Is Good)

James Varrick Armaah

I have heard some good news, he is good, he is good,
I have heard some good news that Jesus is love...
He is good, Father God is good, he is good indeed, he is good, he is good...
Let us all join together and sing a song that He is good, He is good.
My heart is full of praise, and I will sing a song that he is good.

God is good, Father God is good, he is good, he is good indeed.
I will say it again and again, that he is good, he is good, he is good indeed.
Look at me, he has blessed me, he is a good father.
Come to him and he will save you as well.
I will say it again and again,
He is good, Father God is good. He is good indeed, he is good, he is good.

*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.

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

MHB 94

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation
O my soul, praise him, for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, Brothers and Sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee,
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen

Message

*Hymn

“Take Time to Be Holy”

UMH 395

Take time to be holy, speck oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Janet Amoako, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Flagg,
Rev. James Hoffman, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Samuel Long, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah,
Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 107 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 530.
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