

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 30, 2023

Ninth 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 (Litany for Women's Day)

One: There are different spiritual gifts,

Many: but the same Spirit.

One: There are many of us,

Many: but the same Spirit who gives to us all.

One: There are different ministries,

Many: and the same Lord.

One: There are many places for us to serve,

Many: and the same Lord who calls to us all.

One: There are different activities,

Many: but the same God who produces all of them.

One: There many of us,

Many: and one God who calls and equips us for service.

*Hymn

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH 114

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain:

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.

In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise

one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word

known in many ways, hallowing our days.

For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. [Refrain]

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. [Refrain]

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious and Loving God, we come together to praise and worship you. Help us draw close to you. Speak your words of wisdom into our lives. Help us to embrace one another, our similarities, our differences, our concerns, and our joys. We long for your touch on our lives, that we might be your hands and feet to the world. Inspire our hearts, heal our wounds, bring your peace into our worries and your hope into our disappointments. Come Lord and weave your love into our worship together, that we may overflow with grace and allow your truth to light up our lives anew. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Women's Mini Harvest

Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him) [Feel free to sing in either language]

Me yi n'ayε, Me yi Nyamea' yε...

Me yi Nyamea' yε, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

English:

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

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

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...

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...

We Will Celebrate Our God

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

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

Metease yi – As Long as I Live

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! 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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Message

Unsung Heroines

Deborah O’Driscoll

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. [Refrain]

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Akosua Ababio, Rebecca Aidoo, Vivian Assie, Naa Dromo Aryee, Judith Barton, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Allison Hansen, Barbara Ingrassia, Chris Kerns, Esi Korsah, Byungmoo Lee, Samuel Long, Debbie O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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Common Prayer: "a short prayer for a women's meeting" from www.lords-prayer-words.com, adapted

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