

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 6, 2023

Tenth 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: O give thanks to God, call on God's name,
Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.
- One: Sing to God, sing praises to God;
Many: Tell of all God's wonderful works.
- One: Glory in God's holy name;
Many: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
- One: Seek God and God's strength;
Many: Seek God's presence continually.

*Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

UMH 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise) [*Feel free to sing in either language*]

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'
Ye yi W'ayε Na ye Ma Wo so!

English:

*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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, you sustained your people with bread and fish by the sea of Galilee. Sustain us today, not only with physical food, but also with spiritual food, the bread of life who is our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Conversation

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

For Your blessings in my life

James Varrick Armaah

For your blessings in my life, your glory will never fade away
Your glory will never fade away, Saviour.
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
Your glory will never fade away, Lord of grace.

What song shall I sing? What dance shall I dance?
What words can I express, Lord of grace?
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
I will praise you without end, Lord of grace.

*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.

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

UMH 427

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood’s helplessness,
from woman’s grief, man’s burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow’s stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city’s streets again,

Till all the world shall learn your love
and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above,
shall come the city of our God!

*Benediction

Postlude

Music Ministry Survey

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Flagg, Earl Flagg, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Samuel Long, Debbie O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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