

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 13, 2023

Eleventh 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: I sought God, who answered me;

Many: God delivered me from all my fears.

One: This poor soul cried, and was heard by God.

Many: God delivers those who revere God.

One: O taste and see that God is good;

Many: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

*Hymn

“All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded”

UMH 132

All my hope is firmly grounded in the great and living Lord;
who, whenever I most need him, never fails to keep his word.

God I must wholly trust, God the ever good and just.

Tell me, who can trust our nature, human, weak, and insecure?

Which of all the airy castles can the hurricane endure?

Built on sand, naught can stand by our earthly wisdom planned.

But, in every time and season, out of love's abundant store,

God sustains the whole creation, fount of life forevermore.

We who share earth and air count on God's unfailing care.

Thank, O thank, our great Creator, thru God's only Son this day;

God alone, the heavenly potter, made us out of earth and clay.

Quick to heed, strong in deed, God shall all the people feed.

*Praise Songs

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind.

God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.

God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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!...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**O creator and mighty God,
you have promised strength for the weak,
rest for the laborers, light for the way,
grace for the trials, help from above,
unfailing sympathy, undying love.
O creator and mighty God,
help us to continue in your promise. 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 Music

*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”

Mensah Essilfie

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

Message

*Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*Benediction

Postlude

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Call to Worship – Psalm 34 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 524.

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