

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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*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.*

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***Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.***

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Prelude

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

arr. Lani Smith

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Praise the name of the Most High;

**Many: Give praise, O servants of God.**

One: Praise God, for God is good;

**Many: Sing to God's name, for God is gracious.**

One: You who revere God, bless God!

**Many: O God, your name endures forever.**

\*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH 103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

\*Praise Songs

**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...

**I Will Lift Up Your Name Higher**

I will lift up your name higher...  
Great Jehovah you are wonderful  
I will lift up your name higher...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Teach us, Ruler of the universe,  
to see people by the light of the faith we profess,  
that we may check in ourselves  
all ungenerous judgments, all presumptuous claims,  
that, recognizing the needs and rightful claims of others,  
we may remove old hatreds and rivalries  
and hasten new understandings,  
that we may bring our tributes of excellence  
to the treasury of our common humanity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Song Without Words

Felix Mendelssohn

\*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 15:21-28

Message

\*Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH 428

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span,  
may we hallow life’s brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Larry Shackley

Worship Leaders: Jacob Arsenault, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah,  
Gary Robinson, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 135 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 519.

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