

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth 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

"Capriccio"

Edmond Lemaigre

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Bless God, O my soul, bless God's holy name.

Many: Bless God, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

One: God forgives all your iniquity;

Many: God crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

One: God works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

Many: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: God has compassion for those who revere God.

Many: Bless God, O my soul.

*Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Praise Songs

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Hallelu, Halleluja!

I Will Lift the Cup of Praise

I will lift the cup of praise I will lift the cup of praise
Pour your blessing in my cup pour your blessing in my cup O Lord.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts
and gave us power to discern good from evil.**

**Grant us sincerity,
that we may persistently seek the things that endure,
refusing those which perish,
and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive,
we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully,
and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Concert – Rondo

for French Horn and Piano by W.A. Mozart

*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 16:21-26
Message		
Holy Communion	“The Great Thanksgiving”	UMH 13-14
Communion Music	"One Bread, One Body"	John B. Foley
*Hymn	“The Summons”	TFWS 2130
	<p>Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?</p> <p>Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?</p> <p>Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?</p> <p>Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?</p> <p>Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.</p>	

*Benediction

Postlude	“Nun danket alle Gott” (Now Thank We All Our God)	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
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Call to Worship – Psalm 103 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 510.

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