

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth 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

“Variations on KREMSER” I

Michael Graham

VALERIUS, *Nederlandtsch Gendenckclanck*, 1626

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! Sing to God a new song.

**Many: God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

One: Let us be glad in our Creator.

**Many: Let us rejoice in our Sovereign.**

One: God takes pleasure in the people

**Many: God adorns the humble with victory.**

\*Hymn

“We Gather Together”

UMH 131

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

\*Praise Songs

**Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)**

*English:*

A-ye-yi Wurae’ ----A-ye-yi Wurae’

You own our praise! You own our praise!

Ye yi W’ayε Na yε Ma Wo so!

We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**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*)

**Lord, make our hearts places of peace  
and our minds harbors of tranquility.  
Sow in our souls true love for you  
and for one another;  
and root deeply within us  
friendship and unity,  
and concord with reverence.  
So may we give peace to each other sincerely  
And receive it beautifully. 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 Anthem

Metsease 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.

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Anthem

Message

\*Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

UMH 557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other’s woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Thanks Be to God”

E.L. Ashford

Worship Leaders: Krysta Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 149 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Common Prayer – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources*, Abingdon Press, 207.  
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