

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 1, 2023

Eighteenth 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

"O Lord Most Holy"

César Franck 1822-1890

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

**Many: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.**

One: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

**Many: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.**

One: We join together on one journey, the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

**Many: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.**

**All: Let us join with all our sisters and brothers in worship and true communion with God this day. Amen.**

\*Hymn

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH 114

God of change and glory, God of time and space,  
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.

In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,  
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,  
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors, God of many signs,  
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.

As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.

In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,  
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,  
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,  
you are still creating endless love and light.  
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.  
Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,  
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,  
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

\*Praise Songs

**Joy Like a River**

Joy like a river in my soul...

**We Will Celebrate**

We will celebrate our God!...  
Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.  
We will celebrate our God!...

Common Prayer: A Prayer of Saint Patrick (*unison*)

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,  
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,  
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,  
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,  
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,  
Christ in every eye that sees us,  
Christ in every ear that hears us.  
Salvation is of the Lord,  
Salvation is of the Christ,  
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. 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 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still, my heart and tongue employ.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt His name;  
When in distress to Him I called, He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance He affords to all who on His succor trust.

Oh, make but trial of His love, experience will decide  
How blest they are, and only they, who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight, your wants shall be His care.

\*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.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

Communion

“Beautiful Savior”

Michael Burkhardt cf. 20<sup>th</sup> century

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

