

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth 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

"Prière" (Prayer)
from *Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann 1862-1897

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul;

Many: The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple;

One: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart;

Many: The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: The reverence of God is pure, enduring forever;

Many: The ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer.

*Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Praise Songs

Unto the Lord Be the Glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your love and mercy among all peoples to the glory of your name; 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

Wo Nkoara (You Alone)

Hans Anderson

Lord, Creator of earth who lives forever,
All your children rejoice and say that Lord you alone are Lord.
Always, whether I rise or whether I walk,
I owe it to you Lord. You make it possible for us to eat, you alone,
Almighty, you alone are our King Jesus. You alone.

You alone are the healer, you make it happen so we will continually
say that you alone are our King Jesus.
We owe you thanks and we give you thanks.
Our Lord, you alone are our King.

*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 21:33-46

Anthem

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

UMH 559, vs 1,2,& 4

Dale Wood 1934-2003

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner stone;
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving kindness hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within it walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

Message

*Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

UMH 396

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*Benediction

Postlude

"Ye Holy Angels Bright"

John Darwall
DARWALL'S 148TH

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

Call to Worship – Psalm 19 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 378. ALT.
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