

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 22, 2023

Twenty-First 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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us;

**Many: Make God’s face to shine upon us;**

One: That your way may be known upon earth;

**Many: Your saving power among all nations.**

One: O God, let the peoples praise you;

**Many: Let all the peoples praise you.**

One: May God continue to bless us;

**Many: Let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

\*Hymn

“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

UMH 67

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!  
Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light  
tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!  
For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,  
songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

\*Praise Songs

**Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise)**

Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so,  
Mε ma yeyi kruwa so...

Hwie nhyira bi fa me me! Hwie W'a yaresa gu me so mε.

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 healing in my cup O Lord...

**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*)

**Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us,  
so God's Spirit is ever present and around us.  
Come Creator into our lives.  
We live and move and have our very being in you.  
Open now the windows of our souls. 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

Mo Mma Yen Mbo Se (Let us rejoice)

Nana Kofi Ampong *Darkwa*

Let us rejoice, God lives always. Let us rejoice, He will always fight for us.

Let us rejoice, we will always be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

Let us rejoice, Christ our King walks with us always. Let us rejoice, He will grant us all our needs. Let us rejoice, we will be victorious.

Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

### \*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.

### Scripture Reading

Acts 16:9-15

### Anthem

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Franklin D. Ashdown 1942–2003

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph ever more.

Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

The Lord, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love:

When he had purged our sins, He took his seat above.

Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heav’n;

The keys of death and hell to Christ, the Lord, are given.

Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Message

Recognition of Service

\*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power,  
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s waring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee who we adore.

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Exalt His Name”

Charles Cooke

Worship Leaders: Judith Barton, 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 67 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 473.  
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