

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 5, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

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

O God, Thou Faithful God

Sigfried Karg-Elert 1877-1933

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Max Reger 1873-1916

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God's people can testify.

Many: We are redeemed from trouble. God delivered us from our distress.

One: God gathered us.

Many: Give thanks to God for all God has done for us!

*Hymn

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

UMH 708

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*Praise Songs

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle Halle Halle-lu-jah...
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

I Have Joy in My Heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...
Jesus gave to
me, and no one can destroy it.
I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Celebration of the Communion of Saints

Pastor: Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn.

Congregation: In your grace we are one with a great multitude, and in praising you we join with those from every nation and celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory.

Pastor: Let us remember the members of the Wesley UMC who have died since All Saints Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives.

Collins Osafo	Shirley Ferris	Dorothy Pemberton
Rev. Anthony Brima	Cynthia Barry	Richard Eid Sr.
Prosper Awuma	Polly Boyns	Woodbury Titcomb

We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

Congregation: We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus. 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

“O Taste and See”

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in God.

*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

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

Communion Music

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

J. S. Bach

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

J. Wayne Kerr

*Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH 430

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*Benediction

Postlude

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou
(from *Fifteen Pieces based on Antiphons*)

Marcel Dupré 1886-1971

Worship Leaders: Janet Amoako, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Earl Flagg, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Marjorie Ness, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 107 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

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