

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth 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

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Charles Converse  
Arr. Fred Bock

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: I will bless God at all times;

**Many: God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

One: My soul makes its boast in God;

**Many: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify God with me;

**Many: Let us exalt God’s name together.**

\*Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
ow great thou art, how great thou art!

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

\*Praise Songs

**Joy Like A River**

Joy like a river in my soul...

**We Will Celebrate Our God**

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

Litany for Rebirth and Resilience

One: For rebirth and resilience,

**Many: Bless be God;**

One: For the spiritually humble,

**Many: Glory to God, Hallelujah;**

One: For all who hunger and thirst for justice,

**Many: Praise God and magnify God forever;**

One: For all who are banned from speaking the truth,

**Many: Blessed be God;**

One: For all who triumph over their bitter circumstance,

**Many: Glory to God, hallelujah;**

One: For all who risk reputation, livelihood, and life itself  
for Christ's sake and the gospel;

**Many: All praise and all glory; this is God's kingdom;  
praise God and love God forever.**

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

Amman Mma – Children of the World

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

He has conquered death. When He speaks, everything remains still. He is a conqueror. We will worship Him always.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for he is a mighty King.

Children of the world, go! We will sing for Him. We will shout praises unto Him. We will magnify Him always. We will give him all the glory and honor.

\*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.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:6-8

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are they who mourn; for they will be comforted.  
 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth;  
 And blessed are those who thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.  
 Blessed are the merciful, for they will have mercy;  
 And blessed are the pure, for they will see God.  
 Blessed the makers of peace, for they are the children of God;  
 And blessed those who suffer for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Rejoice and be glad those who sow in tears, for they will see God.

## Message

\*Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

TFWS 2149

God Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
 striving to please him in all that I do,  
 yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
 this is the pathway of blessing for me.  
 O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;  
 for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
 I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
 my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
 bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,  
 such love constrains me to answer his call,  
 follow his leading and give him my all.  
 O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;  
 for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
 I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
 my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
 doing each duty in his holy name,  
 willing to suffer affliction or loss,  
 deeming each trial a part of my cross.  
 O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;  
 for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
 I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
 my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,  
 my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,  
 seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,  
 bringing the weary to find rest in him.  
 O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;  
 for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
 I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
 my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

\*Benediction

Postlude

"March Recessional"

Lily Strickland

Worship Leaders: Naa Dromo Aryee, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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