

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Lift High the Cross

Carolyn Hamlin (b. 1937)

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Soar we now where Christ has led,

Many: Following our exalted Head;

One: Made like him, like him we rise;

Many: Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH 159

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow tis triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.

*Praise Songs

Joy Like A River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'

Ye yi W'ayε Na yε Ma Wo so!

*You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Lord of life,
submitting to death, you conquered the grave.
By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you.
By being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin.
Throughout these fifty days of Easter
we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours,
now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

TFWS 2157

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

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

Your Grace and Mercy

Newlove Kojo Annan

Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far,
Lord, had it not been for Your Grace, what would life have been like?
Life has been very rough; but Grace has always been my guide,
Lord, Your Grace has taken care of me to date. (2x)

You never gave the promise that the journey would be easy,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far!
Your Grace and Mercy is all I need,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far. (2x)

Abundant Grace, Abundant Grace, Abundant Grace, and having Mercy upon us,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought us thus far!
Your Grace and Mercy, is all I need, your Grace and Mercy
has brought us thus far!

Your Grace and Mercy, Your Grace and Mercy,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far!

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

Luke 24:36b-48

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Gilbert M. Martin (1941)

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

Refrain

Great is they 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 springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

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! *Refrain*

Message

*Hymn

“In the Garden”

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I come to the garden alone
 while the dew is still on the roses,
 and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
 the Son of God discloses.
 And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
 and he tells me I am his own;
 and the joy we share as we tarry there,
 none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

*Benediction

Postlude

Alleluia

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Assante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns,
Byungmoo Lee, Mark Muncey, trumpet, William Ness, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts,
Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 387.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 327.
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