## Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 21, 2024

### Fourth 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 Meditation on *St. Columba* Searle Wright

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(1918-2004)

#### Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: God is our Shepherd, we want for nothing.

Many: God keeps us on the right path and keeps us safe.

One: God is faithful and true.

Many: God is with us, in life and in death.

All: God's kindness and love will always be with us.

\*Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" UMH 138

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I stayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never, Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

#### 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...

<sup>\*</sup>Praise Songs

#### 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 sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice.
So that you may send us to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another
with knowledge and understanding;
through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

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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 Aseda J. G. Koomson

Aseda (sɛ no), Aseda (sɛ no), Aseda nka Nyame wɔ sor Ayeyi nye ntonton sɛ wo Abɔ sor Nyame a Eyɛ Kɛse (kɛ se) wonsa no ndwuma dzi adanse (ampa) dɛ Eyɛ Nyame a yɛ som woa ɔfa ta.

Thanks be to Him, Thanks be to Him, Thanks be to God on high, (2x) You are worthy of praise and adoration Lord of the All you are great Truly, all your handiworks bear witness that you are God who is worthy to be worshipped.

\*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 John 10:11-18

Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need:

Jehovah is His Name;

In pastures fresh He makes me feed,

Beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back

When I forsake His ways,

And leads me, for His mercy's sake,

In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death

His presence is my stay;

One word of His supporting grace

Drives all my fears away.

His hand, in sight of all my foes,

Doth still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows,

His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God

Attend me all my days;

O may Thy house be my abode,

And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest,

While others go and come;

No more a stranger, nor a guest,

But like a child at home.

Message

Announcement

I am thine, O lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary on Brother James's Air

Searle Wright

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