Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 5, 2024

Sixth 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 Prelude on "Blessed Assurance" Gordon Young

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: O sing a new song to God, who has done marvelous things;

Many: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to us.

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Many: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Let all people sing together for joy at the presence of God who is coming to judge the

earth;

Many: To judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us" UMH 100

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:

Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus, Star-child born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.

Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music sing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

*Praise Songs

Joy Like A River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Osee Praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God! He is worthy of our praise! Oh... He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God... He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

Common Prayer (unison)

Loving God,
your will for us in Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give;
your abiding gift
is the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts,
dispel every fear.
Keep us steadfast in love
and faithful to your word,
that we may always be your dwelling place.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

Children's Conversation

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

"But they that wait upon the Lord"

Newlove Annan

Solo:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall walk and not be weary; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

But they that wait, but they that wait, but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

All parts:

But they that wait, but they that wait, wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

So, wait for the Lord, so, wait for the Lord, He will guide and uphold you. But, they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

*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 15:9-17

Anthem

If ye love Me, keep my Commandments

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

If ye love me
Keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter
That he may 'bide with you forever

E'en the spirit of truth

Message

Announcement

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*Benediction

Postlude Toccata Gordon Young

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Assante, Desmond Cheetham, Matt Crane, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Debbie O'Driscoll, Andrew Pak, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team