

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday / Seventh 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

David Hegarty

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: We come seeking a spirit of wisdom.

Many: A spirit of revelation.

One: We come to know God,

Many: And to enlighten the eyes of our hearts.

One: We come to be reminded of the hope to which God has called us,

Many: And the riches of God's glorious inheritance.

One: We come trusting in the immeasurable greatness of God's power:

Many: The power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ at God's right hand in the heavenly places.

*Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign"

UMH 157

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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

*Praise Songs

Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him)

Me yi n'ayε, Me yi Nyamea' yε...

Me yi Nyamea' yε, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

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!

Common Prayer (*unison*)

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of Jesus rising to the heavens and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do here and now. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you joyfully in this world all our days. Amen.

United Women of Faith Mission Recognition Award

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

For Your blessings in my life

James Varrick Armaah

For your blessings in my life, your glory will never fade away

Your glory will never fade away, Saviour.

For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?

Your glory will never fade away, Lord of grace.

What song shall I sing? What dance shall I dance?

What words can I express, Lord of grace?

For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?

I will praise you without end, Lord of grace.

*Doxology

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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.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Anthem

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

See page 4
Victor C. Johnson (b 1978)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Message

Announcements

*Hymn

“Christ Loves the Church”

UMH 590

Christ loves the church, with grace beyond all measure.
We bear his name, for all the world to see.
He will not let us go or let us be,
but chooses earthen vessels for his treasure.

Christ bears the church, corrupted or conforming,
obsessed with trifles, blessing greed and war.
His love outwits us, spinning gold from straw,
through saints and prophets, praying and reforming.

Christ feeds the church, and fills us with a vision,
through praise and preaching, wine and broken bread,
of sharing people, doing what they've said,
who win the world's respect, or opposition.

Christ needs the church, to live and tell his story,
to praise his love, and marvel at his trust,
till, bathed in light, awakened from the dust,
we walk with God, alive in grace and glory.

*Benediction

Postlude

Recessional

Camille Saint-Saens

Anthem

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

f Please sing when directed

Hail the day that sees Him— rise,
See! He lifts His hands a - bove;
Al - le - lu - ia! to His throne a -
Al - le - lu - ia! See! He shows the
bove the— skies! Al - le - lu - ia!
prints of— love; Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners— giv'n,
Hark! His gra - cious lips— be - stow,
Al - le - lu - ia! en - ters now the
Al - le - lu - ia! bless - ings on His
high - est— heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!
Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

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