

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 14, 2024

Eighth 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

“Tranquility”

Gilbert M. Martin

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Who shall ascend the hill of God?

**Many: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.**

One: Who shall stand in God’s holy place?

**Many: Those who do not lift up their souls to what is false.**

One: God will bless them and save them;

**Many: God will declare them innocent.**

One: Lift up the gates of your soul, open the doors of your mind;

**Many: That the Ruler of glory may come in!**

One: Who is this Ruler of glory?

**Many: The God of hosts. God alone is the Ruler of glory!**

\*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

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

Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\*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*)

**Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness,  
enable us as redeemed and forgiven children  
evermore to rejoice in singing your praises.**

**Grant that what we sing with our lips  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts  
we may practice in our lives;  
so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only,  
we may receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Holy Baptism

Obrempong Korankye Amankwatia Gyimah

**PROFESSION of FAITH**

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*The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Obrempong Gyimah with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Bible.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

**I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

#### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

#### **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

#### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God, I commend Obrempong Gyimah to your love and care.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

"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

“Capriccio”

Edmund Lemaigre

\*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.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-15

\*Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

Anthem

“Blessed Assurance”

Jason W. Krug (b. 1978)

Message

Announcement

\*Hymn

“Are Ye Able”

UMH 530

“Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?”  
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow thee.”

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,  
to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God?

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on “Cwm Rhonnda”

Mark Rippe

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Call to Worship – Psalm 24 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 69.

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