

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 "Melodie" Edmond Lemaigre

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: What are you doing here?

Many: We have come searching for the key to eternal life.

One: Jesus said: "I am the living bread. If you eat this bread you will live forever."

Many: How can we eat Jesus?

One: Accept the fact that Jesus died to bring us the love of God, and God raised him from death to life to show us that the Spirit is eternal.

Many: We would let Jesus into our lives. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

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

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*Praise Songs

We Will Celebrate Our God

We will celebrate our God!...
Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.
We will celebrate our God!...

Praise, O Praise, My God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
Hymns of adoration, sing;
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

O God, help us to love you more fully, to serve you more eagerly, and to worship you more sincerely. Too often the world turns away from you because of what they see in us who call ourselves by your name. Forgive us, Lord, and enable us to demonstrate your light and your love in all that we do. 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 he glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Nya Gyedzi (Have Faith In The Lord)

J. W. Sey

God is always with us on a daily basis
Everything we ask of Him, He will grant all of our needs
But it needs patience.

Refrain:

Therefore, have faith in the Lord that he will fulfill all of our needs.
He will fulfill all our needs if only you have faith, God will do it for you.

All our burdens, God knows them all.

God, our Almighty Protector, he is so generous to everyone. *Refrain*

All that we eat, drink, it is by His Grace.

He takes care of orphans. He will never leave you behind. *Refrain*

If you walk with faith, you need not be afraid of any temptations.

After all temptations, victory will be yours. *Refrain*

All Grace comes from the Lord.

If you believe in God then, hold on well to your faith. *Refrain*

Faith is able to conquer temptations. All its path is unsuccessful and therefore, hold on tight to your faith and it will reap good fruits for you. *Refrain*

*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 6:51-58

Message

Announcement

*Hymn

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

UMH 359

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;

it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.

Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.
At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on CWM RHONNDA

Mark Rippe

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns,
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