

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth 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 "Melodie" Edmond Lemaigre

Prelude "Deep River" Jeffery L Nall

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: With my whole being I sing for joy to the living God.

**Many: Blessed are those whose strength in you, O God.**

One: They go from strength to strength.

**Many: God the Most High is a sun and shield.**

One: God bestows favor and honor to those who walk uprightly.

**Many: O God, blessed is everyone who trusts in you.**

\*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**We praise you with joy, loving God,  
for your grace is better than life itself.  
You have sustained us through the darkness,  
and you bless us with life in this new day.  
In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy  
And bless your holy name. Amen.**

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 Children's Mini Harvest

### **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...

### **Joy Like A River**

Joy Like a River In My Soul...

### **Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise) [Feel free to sing in either language]**

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'  
Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

*You own our praise! You own our praise!  
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

## Unto The Lord Be The Glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

### The Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Aseda – Thanks

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 6:56-69

#### Message

#### Announcement

#### \*Hymn

#### “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH 462

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

\*Benediction

Postlude

Festival Prelude on THAXTED

For Trumpet and Organ  
Gustav Holst  
arr. David Howard Pettit  
Mark Muncey, trumpet

Worship Leaders: Naa Dromo Aryee, Gifty Bentum-Asante, Rhianna Burke, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Mark Muncey, Debbie O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 84 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources*, Abingdon Press, 2011, 70.

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