

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth 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

II. Sarabande Suite - LAND OF REST

Gerald Near

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to God;

**Many: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**Many: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

**Many: Let us kneel before God, our Maker!**

\*Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH 131

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

\*Praise Songs

**Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

*Refrain*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. *Refrain*

**When the Saints Go Marching In**

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky, Oh, when the stars fall from the sky,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number when the stars fall from the sky.

Oh, when the drums begin to bang, Oh, when the drums begin to bang,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number when the drums begin to bang.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call, Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number when the trumpet sounds its call.

Oh, when they crown Him Lord of all, Oh, when they crown Him Lord of all,  
O Lord, I want to be among that number when they crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**O God, you have bound us together in this life.**

**Give us grace to understand how our lives depend**

**on the courage, the industry, the honesty,  
and the integrity of all who labor.**

**May we be mindful of their needs,**

**grateful for their faithfulness,**

**and faithful in our responsibilities to them;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

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!



Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\*Benediction

Postlude

March Romaine

Charles F. Gounod

Music Notes:

Prelude – The hymn tune titled, LAND OF REST, seemed appropriate for a prelude for Labor Day weekend Sunday. Composed by W. S. Turner, a Methodist minister, LAND OF REST is an American folk tune with roots in the ballads of northern England and Scotland; it was known throughout the Appalachians. Gerald Near, one of the finest **composers** of church **music** adapted this hymn tune in his composition, Sarabande.

Praise Songs – Every Time I Feel the Spirit - Words: Afro-American spiritual (Romans 8:15-17), Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

– When the Saints – Words: Afro-American spiritual; Music: Afro-American spiritual; arranged by Stephen Key

Offertory Music – My Task, again, in keeping with the Labor Day theme, the offertory offers these words:

To love someone more dearly every day  
To help a wandering child to find his way  
To ponder o'er a noble thought and pray  
To follow truth as blind men long for light  
To do my best from dawn of day till night  
This is my task

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Call to Worship – Psalm 95 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 443.

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