

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

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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

Variations on SINE NOMINE

David Potts

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

"For All the Saints"

UMH 711

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

\*Praise Songs

**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...

**Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him)** [Feel free to sing in either language]

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...

Celebration of the Communion of Saints

Pastor: Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn.

**Congregation: In your grace we are one with a great multitude, and in praising you we join with those from every nation and celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory.**

Pastor: Let us remember the members of the Wesley UMC who have died since All Saints Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives.

Joyce Sutherland

Margaret Watson

William Kilmer

Alfred D'Ambra

Samira Kiefer

Elizabeth Nevers

We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

**Congregation: We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus. 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!

**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 Music

"Joy Like a River in my Soul"

NewLove Annan

Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul  
Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul...  
Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul,  
Right in my soul  
Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul.  
Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy like a river,  
Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy in my soul  
Joy! Like a river, Joy! Like a river, Joy like a river in my soul.

\*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

Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem

“Blessed Rest”

Scott Perkins (b. 1980)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors.  
Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
Neither life nor death, neither angels nor heavenly rulers,  
Neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,  
Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
Can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

***The United Methodist Church practices Open Communion. All who desire to live in the love and peace of Jesus Christ are welcome to the bread and cup of communion. At the direction of the ushers, come forward using the center aisle to stand or kneel at the communion rail for distribution of the elements. After consuming the elements and private prayer at the rail, you may return to your seat via the side aisles. Please alert the ushers to anyone wishing to be served while remaining seated in the sanctuary. Non-alcoholic grape juice is used, and gluten-free wafers are available.***

Announcement

\*Hymn

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

UMH 708

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God’s way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.  
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone’s cross or shoulder their own.  
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days;  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Variations on SINE NOMINE

David Potts

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Yes, today's prelude and the postlude are the same music, Variations on SINE NOMINE by David Potts. SINE NOMINE, Latin for without name, following the Renaissance tradition of naming certain compositions "SINE NOMINE" if they were not settings for preexisting tunes. When a composer puts notes on a paper and does so following the rules of good music composition it then becomes the privilege of the performer to interpret the score.

As I read through the music and then played the music I heard two pieces of music; I heard the lyricism of the scales/runs and I also heard the drama of the chords and "walking bass". It then became my choice to determine if the composition was a prelude or a postlude and with the amazing Skinner organ that graces the Wesley United Methodist Church of Worcester, I was able to register (select stops) that interpreted the piece as either a prelude or postlude, so I chose to do both; illustrating the great versatility of the organ and the composition. Thank you, David Potts, for trusting me with interpreting your composition.

Originally there were eleven stanzas, this hymn is usually edited to six or fewer stanzas in most hymnals. Omitted stanzas include "For the Apostles' glorious company", "For the Evangelists", and "For Martyrs".

Ralph Vaughan Williams composed SINE NOMINE in 1906 and wrote two harmonizations—one for unison stanzas and one for choral stanzas. Many consider this tune to be among the finest of twentieth-century hymn tunes.

--*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*  
*Ronna Davis, Organist*

Worship Leaders: Akosua Ababio, Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle,  
Ronna Davis, Earl Flagg, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts,  
Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 24 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
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