

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth 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 Sunrise David H. Hegarty

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Praise the name of the Most High;

**Many: Give praise, O servants of God.**

One: Praise God, for God is good;

**Many: Sing to God's name, for God is gracious.**

One: You who revere God, bless God!

**Many: O God, your name endures forever.**

\*Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

\*Praise Songs

**I Have Joy in My Heart**

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

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

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

### **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!...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Ever-living God,  
before the earth was formed  
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.  
Break into our short span of life  
and show us those things that are eternal,  
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. 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 Anthem

Wo Nkoara (You Alone)

Hans Anderson

Lord, Creator of earth who lives forever,  
All your children rejoice and say that Lord you alone are Lord.  
Always, whether I rise or whether I walk,  
I owe it to you Lord. You make it possible for us to eat, you alone,  
Almighty, you alone are our King Jesus. You alone.

You alone are the healer, you make it happen so we will continually  
say that you alone are our King Jesus.

We owe you thanks and we give you thanks.

Our Lord, you alone are our King.

\*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

Mark 13:1-13

Anthem

My Lord, What a Mornin'

H. T. Burleigh (1866 - 1949)

My Lord, what a mornin'  
When de stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worl'ly ways,  
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Message

Announcement

\*Hymn

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

UMH 730

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;  
come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,  
and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary on O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Charles Callahan  
ST. ANNE

MUSIC NOTES: David Howard Hegarty (1945), is an American organist and composer. Hegarty's interest in music was inspired at an early age by his father, who was a trombonist. He was introduced to the organ at the church where his mother did cleaning. In an interview Hegarty recounted that when his mother went to the church to clean in the evenings, "I wouldn't miss it. I'd go there with her so I could play the organ." Hegarty taught himself how to play the organ, and by the time he reached high school he had a job as a church organist. He continued his study of music and the organ in college, receiving a B.A. in music from Loma Linda University in 1968, and going on to earn a master's

degree in organ performance from Andrews University in 1970 where he studied organ with C. Warren Becker. In 1971 he assumed the position of organist for the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio, a position that he held until 1976. In 1972 Hegarty entered the doctoral program in music at the University of Cincinnati where he studied organ with Wayne Fisher, however as he was nearing the completion of his doctoral studies he was lured away by the Lorenz Publishing Company with an offer of a full-time position as a composer and Editor of The Sacred Organ Journal.

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis,  
Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson,  
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 135 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 393.  
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