

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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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 "Matins" J.E. Newell

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Great and mighty is our Lord.

**Many: His wisdom cannot be measured.**

One: Sing hymns of praise to the Lord.

**Many: He takes pleasure in those who honor him, in those who trust in his constant love.**

\*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1-6) UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

\*Praise Songs

**God You're So Good**

God you're so good. God you are kind.

God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.

God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

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

## Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him)

Me yi n'aye, Me yi Nyamea' ye...

Me yi Nyamea' ye, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

## Common Prayer (*unison*)

**God you have entrusted each of us with the task of witnessing to the Good News of your eternal love shown to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. In this time of worship give us the new understanding of what it means to be all things to all people so that some of them may come to know you and your great love. Amen.**

## Children's Time

### Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TFWS 2128, v. 1

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

**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

"Oye" (He Is Good)

James Varrick Armaah

I have heard some good news, he is good, he is good,

I have heard some good news that Jesus is love...

He is good, Father God is good, he is good indeed, he is good, he is good...

Let us all join together and sing a song that He is good, He is good.

My heart is full of praise, and I will sing a song that he is good.

God is good, Father God is good, he is good, he is good indeed.

I will say it again and again, that he is good, he is good, he is good indeed.

Look at me, he has blessed me, he is a good father.

Come to him and he will save you as well.

I will say it again and again,

He is good, Father God is good. He is good indeed, he is good, he is good.

\*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.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-9

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

Anthem

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

UMH 64

Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky 1840-1893

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three person, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee.  
Which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All they works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Message

Announcements

\*Hymn

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus,  
he came to love, heal, and forgives;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy Jesus gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Piet Post

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis,  
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Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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