

Sufficient Grace



17th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Sunday

September 27, 2020

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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AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

WE GATHER

Prelude Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *Albert Travis (b. 1940)*

Songs of Praise and Adoration

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...

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *UMH 89*
Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore the,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Call to Worship

One: We gather together as a people who come from different backgrounds and cultural expressions, celebrating God's gift of diversity in the church and in the world.

Many: **We come together, giving thanks for the gift of community and for the blessing of sharing in a common life together.**

One: For the gift of community, and the signs of God's abundant love, let us lift our voices in grateful praise.

Many: **We join together in reaping a harvest of joy, a harvest of peace, a harvest of righteousness, and a harvest of hope.**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, on this Harvest Sunday, we come together to celebrate the gifts of your grace and the fruits of your laboring love in our lives. You labor to care for us, to heal us, to prosper us, and to do so much more than we can ever imagine. May your grace inspire us to respond with the same witness of love you have shown us. Help us to share our lives and our resources with an extravagant generosity and sacrificial spirit that lead to abundant life. Let our Harvest celebration be a part of sharing your grace upon us with the world. With grateful hearts and humble spirits we pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

[You are welcome to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choosing]

Offertory Anthem

Ayeyi Wura Ayeyi Wura', 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!

Doxology

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

Announcements

Praise

"THE HARVEST FESTIVAL"

Introduction of Supporters

Gifty Bentum-Asante

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Mrs. Maria Gorsuch-Kennedy
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen
Mr. Paul Hayfron
Ms. Esi Korsah
Ms. Enoch Ukpogon

Word of Welcome from the President of the Ghanaian Association

Paul Hayfron

Water Blessing and Opening of the Auction

(Water plays an important role in our daily human lives and in our witness of faith. The blessing of the water today is only a symbolic act to remind us of how God has used water to bless us and nourish us in life and in faith. During Harvest, the focus is not on the water but on our response characterized by our giving. Those who bid for the water are bidding for the privilege and honor to lead us in opening the Harvest offering celebrations. Because water is prevalent in all our lives, God's blessings belong to us all.)

Appeal for Funds

(Please follow the instructions of the Harvest Masters of Ceremony. Pray about the offering amount you are called to give and either unmute yourself on zoom and speak or type in the chat box.)

PRAISE:

Joy Like a river, joy like a river, joy like a river in my soul

NewLove Annan

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

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

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!...

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing my great Redeemer's praise, *Charles Wesley LYDIA*
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.

I Will Lift Up Your Name higher

Great Jehovah you are wonderful

I will lift up your name higher...

Unto The Lord Be The Glory, Great things He has done...

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...

Oye (He is good)

James Varrick Armaah

Asem papa bi a maatse
Oye, Oye
Asem papa bi a m'atse ne se Yesu ye odo
Oye, Oye,
Me kra sore na tow ndwom se oye
Oye, Oye
Hwe nea w'aye me yi, oye
Bra na obegye wo so
Me ampa na me nie
Oye obaatan papa, oye
Meka, meka meka, oye

Some good news I have heard
It is good, It is good
The good news I have heard is that, Jesus is love.
He is good, He is good;
My soul, arise and sing that it is good
He is good, He is good
Look at what He has done for me, it is good
Come! for He will save you as well
How could I be like this?
He is good. He is a good provider. He is good
I will always say that, it is good

Closing Remarks from the Vice President of the Ghanaian Association

Helena Korsah

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

Tune: NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Congregational Response

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Postlude

Shalom

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