

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 14, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Sunday

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.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
 - **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
 - **Remain seated as we sing our hymns and praise songs.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Gathering with Musical Praise

Desmond Cheatham, Keyboard

Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise)

Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so...

Hwie nhyira bi fa me me! Hwie W'a yaresa gu me so με.

English:

I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise!...

Pour your blessing in my cup, pour your healing in my cup O Lord...

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.

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

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'

Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

English:

You own our praise! You own our praise!

We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Gifty Bentum-Asante, Liturgist

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.

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this 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 and the next.

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

Common 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 generosity and sacrificial spirit that lead to abundant life. Let our Harvest celebration be a part of sharing your grace upon us with our neighbors. With grateful hearts and humble spirits we pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham

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

Praise, O' praise, my God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
Hymns of adoration, sing;
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...
Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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.

Choral Amen

Anthem

Wesley Ghanaian Choir
Newlove Annan

But they that wait upon the Lord

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall walk and not be weary;

So, wait for the Lord, He will guide and uphold you.
But, they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Anthem

Wesley Ghanaian Choir
Newlove Annan

Your Grace and Mercy

Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far,
Lord, had it not been for Your Grace, what would life have been like?
Life has been very rough; but Grace has always been my guide,
Lord, Your Grace has taken care of me to date.

You never gave the promise that the journey would be easy,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far!
Your Grace and Mercy is all I need,

Abundant Grace and having Mercy upon us,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought us thus far!
Your Grace and Mercy, is all I need,
Your Grace and Mercy has brought us thus far!

*Please stand in body or in spirit

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 let the Harvest Masters of Ceremony know when your offering amount is appealed for.)

Closing Remarks

Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Blessing for the Planet

Dear God,

Please forgive us for not taking care of this Earth that You have created for us.

Help us to put aside our differences and come together.

Help our leaders of nations to be more mindful of those who are poor and vulnerable when making decisions.

We ask that You show us better how to take care of Your creation, so that the animals, people's lives and homes are safe from the dangers around us.

Give us the strength and courage to make the right choices so that our children may have a better future.

Let us be our brother's keepers and make it so that children do not go hungry.

This we ask in Jesus' name,

Amen

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

William Ness, Organ

Robert Hobby b. 1962

On your way out you may leave your tithe/offering and attendance slip in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. You can also mail your offering to the church or give online via church website (wesleyworc.org).

Desmond Cheatham, Director of Wesley Ghanaian Choir

Blessing for the Planet:

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