

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

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 the 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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Prelude

William Ness, organ

Two settings of *Wondrous Love*

Robert Lau b. 1943

Maranatha
Cello solo

Elizabeth Bronstein

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Judith Barton, Liturgist

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you;

Many: My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

Many: Beholding your power and glory.

One: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

Many: My lips will praise you.

One: I will bless you as long as I live;

Many: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

[Refrain] Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

[Refrain]

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

[Refrain]

Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise) [Feel free to sing in either language]

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...

Joy like a river

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Most Holy God, this is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to you, to turn away from all those things which harm us and others. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything is not coming our way. We hurt, God. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. Always you seek to reclaim and heal us. Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy, that we may turn to you and live in the joy of serving you. Through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Anthem

Elizabeth Bronstein, cello

Marjorie Ness, piano

Elaine Hagenberg b. 1980

O Love
O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

Children's Conversation

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.

Anthem

Jane Shivick, soprano
David Potts, tenor
Amy Beach 1867-1944

Let This Mind be in You

... which was also in Christ Jesus who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phillipians 2:5-11

*Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your morning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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.

Benediction

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Rockingham

Christopher Tambling
b. 1964

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