

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 17, 2022

Easter 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.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

Organ and Brass

An Easter Fanfare

Garla Giomo b. 1961

Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns

Sondra Tucker b. 1957

*Easter Proclamation

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is our strength and our power!

All: Christ has become our salvation!

Pastor: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Christ is risen!

All: Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Salutation

Easter Fanfare

John Miller b. 1945

And the angel said unto them, Why do you seek the living among the dead?

He is not here; Christ the Lord is risen. Alleluia!

*Prayer of Lighting the Paschal Candle (unison)

Gifty Bentum-Asante, Liturgist

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life.

Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle

(Pastor lights the Paschal Candle)

One: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

All: Christ is our light!

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Praise Songs [Remain standing or be seated.]

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle Halle Halle-lu-jah...
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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...

Children Singing

Children's Conversation

Chris Flagg

Anthem

Gloria from 12th Mass

Ghanaian Choir
W.A. Mozart 1756-1791

Glória in excélsis Deo et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntátis
 Laudámus te, benedícimus te, adorámus te, glorificámus te,
 grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam.
 Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens,
 Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris.

Translation:

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all men of good will
 We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you we thank you, for your great glory.
 Lord God, king of the heavens God almighty Father
 Lord, begotten son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, lamb of God, son of the father.

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

First Scripture Lesson

Acts 10:34-44

Anthem

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott b. 1950

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes
resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands
is life on life for you and me.

[Refrain] Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart
all in this good day's dawning!

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain
looked down Golgotha's stony slope
and let the blood flow from his flesh
to fill the springs of living hope. **[Refrain]**

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died
in darkest hurt upon the tree
to offer us the worlds of light
that live inside the Trinity. **[Refrain]**

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes
resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands
is life on life for you and me.

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

[Remain seated during this hymn.]

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

[Choir only] Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

Anthem

Hallelujah Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827
from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, In holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim His grace and glory!

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

*Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

[Refrain] Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. **[Refrain]**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **[Refrain]**

*Benediction

(Congregation is invited to remain in your pews and sing as the Spirit moves you.)

*Response

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

See Insert
George Handel 1685-1759

Postlude

Grand Chœur Dialogué

William Ness, organ
Eugene Gigout 1844-1925

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Wesley Easter Festival Choir 2022

Soprano

Betty Faldger
Jessica Fosberry
Betsy Koss
Sandra McManus
Debbie O'Driscoll
Lanu Stoddart
Tamara Swartz
Sharon Wilson

Alto

Lucia Alfaro
Sharon Blair
Janice England
Bonnie Garriepy
Allison Hansen
Janet Landstrom
Chloe Sundberg
Enoh Ukpong
Jacalyn Wetton

Tenor

Gabriel DaSilva
Peter Hansen
Ed Laliberte
Aldwyn Montaque
Milton Montaque
David Potts
Richard Segersten

Bass

Jim Gaskell
Gary Robinson
Paul Williams
Ted Wilson

Wesley Ghanaian Choir

Desmond Cheetham, director

Soprano

Pauline Ansah
Violet Owusu Ansah
Gifty Bentum-Asante
Esi Korsah
Elizabeth Osei-Boateng
Jennifer Quansah

Alto

Mercy Agyemang
Christiana Amoah
Alice Boateng
Matilda Hammond-Raney
Mercy Peacock
Grace Woode

Tenor

Florence Twumasi
Emmanuel Paitoo

Bass

Evans Quayson
Yaw Enyim

Brass Ensemble

Erich Ledebuhr, Fred Holmgren, trumpet
Neil Godwin, French horn
Douglas Weeks, trombone
Chip Halt, tuba
Evan Lattimore, timpani

Marjorie Ness, organ
William Ness, Director of Music

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