

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

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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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*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

William Ness, organ

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Maurice Whitney 1909-1984

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Michael Bedford b. 1949

Welcome & Announcement

\*Easter Season Greetings

Debbie O'Driscoll, Liturgist

One: By your cross you destroyed the curse of the tree.

**Many: By your burial you slayed the dominion of death.**

One: By your rising, you enlightened the human race.

**Many: O benefactor, Christ our God, glory to you.**

\*Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choirs; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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\* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

**Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him)** *[Feel free to sing in either language]*

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

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

*English:*

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

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

**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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Almighty God, through your only son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Christ's resurrection, by the renewing of our Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

Nya Gyedzi (Have Faith In The Lord)

Ghanaian Choir

J. W. Sey

God is always with us on a daily basis.

Everything we ask of Him, He will grant all of our needs,

But it needs patience.

*Refrain* Therefore, have faith in the Lord that he will fulfill all of our needs.

He will fulfill all our needs if only you have faith, God will do it for you.

All our burdens, God knows them all.

God, our Almighty Protector, he is so generous to everyone. *Refrain*

All that we eat, drink, it is by His Grace.

He takes care of orphans. He will never leave you behind. *Refrain*

If you walk with faith, you need not be afraid of any temptations.  
After all temptations, victory will be yours. *Refrain*

All Grace comes from the Lord.  
If you believe in God then, hold on well to your faith. *Refrain*

Faith is able to conquer temptations. All its path is unsuccessful and therefore, hold on  
tight to your faith and it will reap good fruits for you. *Refrain*

\*Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

\*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.

[*Refrain*] 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. [*Refrain*]

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. [*Refrain*]

\*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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Philip Moore b. 1943

*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).*

Easter Season Greetings – Traditional Orthodox Liturgy, from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 389.  
Common Prayer – Gelasian Sacramentary, 5<sup>th</sup> Cent., ALT., from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*. 393.  
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