

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday

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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

An Easter Triptych

William Ness, organ  
Franklin Ashdown b. 1942

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Jennifer Quansah, Liturgist

One: Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones; Give thanks to God's holy name.

**Many: God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.**

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Many: Hear, O God, and be gracious to me! O God, be my helper!**

One: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

**Many: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

One: My soul may praise you and not be silent.

**Many: O God my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

\*Hymn

Many and Great, O God

UMH 148

Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky.

Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;

thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one;

come unto us and dwell with us;

with thee are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

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\*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Prayer for Forgiveness (*unison*)

**Merciful God, often we get so caught up in the letter of the law that we lose sight of the spirit of the law. We remember with shame the impact of laws like the Doctrine of Discovery that corrupted your will and inflicted harm on generations of Native Americans. In our self-righteous lack of understanding, we continue to persecute your children. Too often, we are the instrument that pierces your hands and feet. Forgive us for the pain that we cause others. Open our eyes to see you in our neighbor. Transform us into instruments of your good news. In the name of the resurrected Christ Jesus, we ask your mercy. Amen.**

Kyrie

Wesley Choir

\*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham

**Unto The Lord Be The Glory**

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...

**Joy Like A River**

Joy like a river in my soul...

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

Christ is Now Arisen

Wesley Choir  
K. Lee Scott b. 1950

Now the song is begun, For the battle is done, And the victory won;  
Now the foe is scattered; Death's dark prison shattered:  
Sing of joy, and today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!

They that followed in pain shall now follow to reign,  
And the crown shall obtain; They were sore assaulted,  
They shall be exalted: Sing of joy; earth and skies bid it rise,  
Christ is now arisen!

For the foe nevermore can approach to that shore  
When the conflict is o'er: There is joy supernal,  
There is peace eternal: Sing of life, earth and skies  
Bid it rise, Christ is now arisen.

Lo, the victory is won, and the foe is scattered,  
Death's dark prison shattered! Christ is now arisen!

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Holy Communion

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the One who delivers us.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, . . .

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

[Refrain] O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor.

[Refrain]

You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labors to give others rest,  
and constant love that keep on loving.

[Refrain]

You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

[Refrain]

\*Shalom

\*Benediction

Postlude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

William Ness, organ  
Joyce Jones 1933-2022

*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](http://wesleyworc.org)).*

Dr. Joyce Jones played a recital in Worcester during the 1999 American Guild of Organists convention at First Baptist Church. She is fondly remembered by all her students and colleagues who knew her.

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