

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

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.**
-

Prelude

Two Hymn-tune settings of Psalm 23
St. Columba UMH 138
Crimond UMH 136

William Ness, organ
David Dahl b. 1937
Robert Hobby b. 1962

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Judith Barton, Liturgist

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

One: Sing praises to God,

Many: who made heaven and earth,

One: who is faithful forever,

Many: who gives justice to the oppressed,

One: who gives food to the hungry,

Many: who sets the prisoners free,

One: who watches over the stranger,

Many: who cares for widows and orphans.

One: The Lord will reign forever.

Many: Praise the Lord!

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms,
powers, virtues, archangels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God in Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, draw near to us with compassion, touch us with healing, and speak to us with love, so that we may arise and live to spread the good news of Your saving power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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...

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's Conversation "A Mother's Purse"

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

Ghanaian Choir

Who Loves You Like Jesus

James Varrick Armaah b. 1987

Who loves you like Jesus? What friend loves you like Jesus?
Who in your family loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

He was disgraced, He was slapped. He was spat on because of our sins. Who is like him?
Truly, there is no one like him. Who loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

New Testament Lection

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23

UMH 754

Antiphon: The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

One: The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

Many: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

One: leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

Many: leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.

One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

Many: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Antiphon: The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Many: you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

Many: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

Antiphon: The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

*Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

Message

Rev. James Hoffman

*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou has promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*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

Emma Lou Diemer b. 1927

*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).*

OneLicense Reprint + Livestream and Podcast/Recording License A-726657
CCLI Copyright License # 20653706 CCLI Streaming License #20653696

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

114 MAIN STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01608 PHONE: 508-799-4191 FAX: 508-799-3725

WEB: WWW.WESLEYWORC.ORG E-MAIL: OFFICE@WESLEYWORC.ORG

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit