

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 15, 2022

Fifth 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.**
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Prelude

Fanfare for the Risen Christ

William Ness, organ
Colin Mawby 1936-2019

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Bertha Amoako, Liturgist

One: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

Many: And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.

One: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

Many: O God, by your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.

One: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Many: For this, we give you thanks and praise.

*Hymn

Now the Green Blade Riseth

UMH 311

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, you made us Easter people through Jesus Christ. Encourage your children with the presence of the Risen Christ, and strengthen us by his Spirit as we worship you this day. You call us to love you and our neighbor. But we are short on patience and thin on empathy. We tire too easily and tend to opt out of relationships rather than to work through difficulties. O God, give us trust in your forgiving grace and renewal. Keep us humble enough to take small steps in the life of loving, to encourage one another. For your love's sake, we pray. Amen.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, 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 mε.

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...*

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...

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

Variant on *The Gift of Love*

Bert Carlson 1937-2017

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

TFWS 2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

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 David Potts, guest conductor
If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

...keep my commandments, and I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter. That he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. [John 14]

*Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

Message Rev. Byungmoo Lee

*Hymn The Gift of Love UMH 408

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

*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 Diane Bish b. 1932

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