

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 22, 2022

Sixth 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

William Ness, organ

Andante sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937

from *Symphonie Gothique, Op. 70, no. 9*

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us;

Many: Make God's face to shine upon us;

One: That your way may be known upon earth;

Many: Your saving power among all nations.

One: O God, let the peoples praise you;

Many: Let all the peoples praise you.

One: May God continue to bless us;

Many: Let all the ends of the earth revere God.

*Hymn

Christ Is Alive

UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise) [*Feel free to sing in either language*]

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'
Ye yi W'ayε Na yε Ma Wo so!

English:

*You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

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

Me yi n'ayε, Me yi Nyamea' yε...
Me yi Nyamea' yε, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

English:

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

Holy Baptism

Naszir Bonnicks

PROFESSION of FAITH

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The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Naszir Bonnicks with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Bible.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Naszir Bonnicks to your love and care.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.
Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

For Your Blessings in My Life

Ghanaian Choir
James Varrick Armaah

For your blessings in my life, your glory will never fade away.
Your glory will never fade away, Saviour.
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
Your glory will never fade away, Lord of grace.

What song shall I sing? What dance shall I dance?
What words can I express, Lord of grace?
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
I will praise you without end, Lord of grace.

*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.

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.

*Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

*Hymn

Grace Alone

TFWS 2162

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to reach,
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

*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

Toccata from *Symphonie no. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

*You can mail your tithe/offering to the church or
give online via church website wesleyworc.org.*

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