

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 19, 2022

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Variations on *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

William Ness, organ

Lynn Trapp b. 1963

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Bertha Amoako, Liturgist

One: God, you are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands.

**Many: How wonderful are your gifts to me; how good they are!**

One: I am always aware of God's presence;

**Many: God is near, and nothing can shake me.**

One: And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure,

**Many: Because God protects me from the power of death.**

One: O God, you will show me the path that leads to life;

**Many: Your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.**

\*Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"

UMH 604

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,  
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.  
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,  
while we adore you.

Not our own holiness nor that we have striven  
bring us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.  
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior,  
with grace and favor.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;  
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.  
Baptized with joy and power, give, O Dove descending,  
life never ending.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
one Lord, one faith, one source of every merit.  
Here now renew your church through this water given;  
grant peace from heaven.

\*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

### **Joy like a river**

Joy like a river in my soul...

### **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...

Prayer for Fathers (*unison*)

**Loving God, we give thanks for the men of virtue who have touched our lives. Those who have shown us kindness, courage, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, and love. Bless all sons and brothers and fathers and grandfathers who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth. Amen.**

Holy Baptism

Robert Elshaddai Owusu Asante, Jr.

### **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 Robert Asante Jr. 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.**

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.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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 Robert Asante, Jr. 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

It is by Your Grace That I Am Alive

Ghanaian Choir  
Sam Asare Bediako

It is by Your grace that I am alive.  
God, You have done a lot for me.  
My Lord, I owe you thanks.  
I will sing and give you adoration.  
Whatever I have belongs to you.  
It is by your Grace that I am still alive.  
My Lord, I owe you thanks.  
I will sing and give you adoration.

#### \*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 Luke 9:51-62

Message Rev. Byungmoo Lee

\*Hymn Where He Leads Me UMH 338

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

[Refrain] Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

[Refrain]

I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

[Refrain]

He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.

[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 Prelude in C Major, BWV 545 J.S. Bach 1685-1750

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