

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 26, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost/Confirmation 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

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

William Ness, piano

Joseph Martin b. 1959

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

William & Marjorie Ness, piano duet

Mark Hayes b. 1953

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Joseph Fletcher, Liturgist

One: We are children of God.

**Many: We have been baptized by water and the Spirit.**

One: We are dead to sin and alive in Christ.

**Many: We are done with law, and live under grace.**

One: Our hearts are set on righteousness.

**Many: Our minds are fixed on life and peace.**

One: We are heirs to the life Christ is bringing!

**Many: We are children of God!**

\*Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

\*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

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

Me yi n'aye, Me yi Nyamea' ye...

Me yi Nyamea' ye, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

*English:*

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

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

**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...

Litany of Commitment

One: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,

**Many: We commit to truth and integrity, and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.**

One: In defiance of apathy and hatred,

**Many: We choose to be proactive in love, and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.**

One: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,

**Many: We embrace the mystery of faith, and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.**

One: In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance,

**Many: We celebrate God's salvation, and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.**

One: In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us,

**Many: We choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.**

The Rite of Confirmation

Janet Amoako, Kwadwo Amoako, Rayan Amoakohene, Krysta Asante,

Antoinette Enyim, James Hammond, Lawrence Hammond,

Eunice Wakadilo, Mailaika Wakadilo, Steve Wakadilo, Victoria Wakadilo

## 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 these persons 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 these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk 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.**

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.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS & CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

### RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Sisters and brothers, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*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	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	Piano Duet Mark Hayes
*Doxology		UMH 94
	<p>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!</p>	
*Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Graduates		
Worship in Music	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	Piano Duet Rebecca Bonam b. 1972
Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer		
	"Lead Me, Guide Me"	TFWS 2214
	<p>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.</p>	
	<p><b>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.</b></p>	
Scriptural Reflections I		Confirmands
Scriptural Reflection II		Rev. Byungmoo Lee
*Hymn	O Jesus, I Have Promised	UMH 396
	<p>O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.  I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.</p> <p>O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.</p> <p>O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.</p> <p>O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.</p>	

\*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

Trumpet Processional in G

David German b. 1954

Call to Worship – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources Edition*, Abingdon Press, 82 ALT.  
Litany of Commitment – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources Edition*, Abingdon Press, 77.  
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