Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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 William Ness, organ

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Emma Lou Diemer b. 1927

Fugue on My Country 'tis of Thee

Max Reger 1873-1916

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship Margaret Watson, Liturgist

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Many: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

One: Come and see what God has done;

Many: God does awesome deeds among mortals.

One: Blessed be our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard;

Many: God has kept us among the living.

One: I will tell what God has done for me.

Many: Blessed be God, who has not removed God's steadfast love from me.

*Hymn "This Is My Song" UMH 437

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

We Will Celebrate Our God

We will celebrate our God!... Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen. We will celebrate our God!...

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 Independence Day (unison)

Gracious God, as we celebrate the Independence Day of our nation we pause to express our profound gratitude for your many blessings to us. Give us the courage to find ways to make our nation more temperate and more just. Help us excel in developing generous spirits to aid the needy peoples of the earth. Protect us, as citizens of this land, from succumbing to simplistic solutions to our problems; protect us from cynicism about the future and from denying the power of hope. Help us respect those who differ from us. Challenge us to take responsibility for the fabric of our life together and to work for justice. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Anthem Wesley Ghanaian Choir
A Song of Thanksgiving James Varrick Armaah

Translation:

I will always praise your name to all the ends of the earth. For what you have done for me, I will let the world know You. You have changed my life and never made me a lost child. I will shout and sing for you deserve to be appreciated all the time.

*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!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

"Cares Chorus" TFWS 2215

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

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.

Epistle Reading Galatians 6:1-10, 14

*Gospel Reading Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Message Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, on this day when we celebrate our nation's heritage, it is fitting that we give you thanks and praise...

we join with your people in every land on earth and with all the company of heaven in your unceasing praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

... Hasten the day when the prophets' dream shall come to pass, when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

[Refrain] For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

[Refrain]

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

[Refrain]

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

[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 Trumpet Processional in G David German b. 1954

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