

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

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

Desmond Cheetham, piano

Meye Dede (I Will Make a Joyful Noise)

James Varrick Armaah

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Margaret Watson, Liturgist

One: Truly the eye of God is on those who revere God;

Many: On those who hope in God's steadfast love.

One: Our soul waits for God, who is our help and shield.

Many: Our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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...

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

God of mercy and love, thank you for calling us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory

Wesley Ghanaian Choir
Sam Asare Bediako

It is by Your Grace that I am Alive

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

"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.

Anthem

Wesley Ghanaian Choir

Aseda - Thanks

J. G. Koomson

Thanks be to you, Thanks be to you, Thanks be to God on high, (2x)
You are worthy of praise and adoration
Lord of the All you are great
All your handiworks bear witness that you are
God who is worthy to be worshipped.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

“All I Need Is You”

TFWS 2080

All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.

All I want is you, Jesus, all I want is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I want is you.

My only hope is you, Lord, my only hope is you.
You are the source of all I need. My only hope is you.

*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

Zadok the Priest

G. F. Handel 1685-1759

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