

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 28, 2022

Twelfth 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.**
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Prelude

Two Chorale Settings of

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Debbie O'Driscoll, organ

J. S. Bach 1685-1750

J. Wayne Kerr b. 1958

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Allison Hansen, Liturgist

One: Blessed are those who are in awe of God;

Many: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

One: It is well with those who conduct their affairs with generosity and justice.

Many: The righteous will never be moved.

One: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in God.

Many: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.

One: They have distributed freely, they have given to those who are poor.

Many: Their righteousness endures forever.

All: Blessed are those who greatly delight in God's commandments.

*Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle Halle Halle-lu-jah...
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...

Prayer for the Beginning of a New School Year (*unison*)

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks. In our learning and teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Baptism

Seilah Cecelia Ansah

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 Seilah Cecelia Ansah with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she 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.

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.

*Hymn

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

UMH 339

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus’ guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed, ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a hearty welcome find.

My message as from God receive; ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your heart constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.

This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord’s accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

*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

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

J. S. Bach 1685-1750

Call to Worship – Psalm 112 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 535.

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