# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 4, 2022

## 13th 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.
- Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude

William Ness, organ
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Dale Wood 1934-2003
I Come with Joy
Emma Lou Diemer b. 1927

**Greeting & Announcement** 

\*Call to Worship Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: O God, you have searched me and known me.

Many: You discern my thoughts from far away.

One: You are acquainted with all my ways.

Many: Even before a word is on my tongue, O God, you know it completely.

One: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Many: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

Many: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

\*Hymn "I Come with Joy" UMH 617

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

\*Praise Songs

### Unto the Lord be the glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done... Great things He has done. Greater things He will do. Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

### Joy like a river

Joy like a river in my soul...

### Common Prayer (unison)

Direct and help us, O God in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in and through you, we may glorify your holy name, and by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Solo

Jennifer Quansah, soprano

\*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.

\* Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Message Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion "The Great Thanksgiving" UMH 13-14

\*Hymn "Living for Jesus" TFWS 2149

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please him in all that I do, yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.

[Refrain] O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace, such love constrains me to answer his call, follow his leading and give him my all. [Refrain]

Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in his holy name, willing to suffer affliction or loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross. [Refrain]

Living for Jesus through earth's little while, my dearest treasure, the light of his smile, seeking the lost ones he died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in him.

[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 Grand Chorus Théodore Dubois 1837-1924

Call to Worship – Psalm 139 ALT. The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – Book of Common Worship, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 373 ALT.

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