

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 25, 2022

16th 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.**
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Prelude

William Ness, organ

Aria for organ

Emma Lou Diemer b. 1927

Intrada

Grayston Ives. b. 1948

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Debbie O'Driscoll, Liturgist

One: We stand before you, God, with arms reaching for you.

Many: We bow before you, God, with humbled hearts seeking you.

One: We sing before you, God, with voices raised to meet you.

Many: We kneel before you, God, with open souls lifted to greet you.

One: God, in your glory, you have graciously reached for us.

Many: We gather this day, reaching for you. Amen.

*Hymn

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

TFWS 2020

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
raise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboards
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'
Ye yi W'ayε Na ye Ma Wo so!

You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him)

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

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

Common Prayer (*unison*)

God of all people, we build up walls to protect ourselves from pain. These walls can also shut us off from other people and prevent us from receiving your love. God, break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through openness and sharing with all whom you love. God, break through our isolation. Let us see with your eyes. Lead us to act with care and concern for others and faithfulness to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Offertory"

Wesley Chancel Choir
David Potts, Director
John Ness Beck 1930-1987

*Doxology

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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.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

* Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Message

"Bridge Building"

Rev. Stacey Lanier

*Hymn

"Together We Serve"

TFWS 2175

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

*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

Toccatà in C, Op. 1270

Carson Cooman b. 1982

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