

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 9, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

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*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.*

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*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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\*Gathering with Musical Praise

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard  
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!

## **I Will Lift Up Your Name Higher**

I will lift up your name higher...  
Great Jehovah you are wonderful  
I will lift up your name higher...

## **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!...

Greeting & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Gifty Bentum-Asante, Liturgist

One: We gather together as a people who come from different backgrounds and cultural expressions, celebrating God's gift of diversity in the church and in the world.

**Many: We come together, giving thanks for the gift of community and for the blessing of sharing in a common life together.**

One: For the gift of community, and the signs of God's abundant love, let us lift our voices in grateful praise.

**Many: We join together in reaping a harvest of joy, a harvest of peace, a harvest of righteousness, and a harvest of hope.**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Wondrous God, our hearts are full of praise for all of the glorious things you have given to us. When we look upon your creation, we realize that it reflects your glory. When we experience the gift of a parent’s love, we are reminded of your tender love for us. When we worship in the great congregation of all who name you as Lord, we are blessed to be counted among your children. Hear our prayer of joy and thanksgiving this day, and sustain in us grateful hearts, that we might praise you eternally. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Wesley Chancel Choir  
 David Potts, director  
 Harold Friedell 1905-1958

\*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 17:11-19

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Anthem

Wesley Choir

David Potts, director

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Gilbert M. Martin b. 1941

**Word of Welcome from the President of the Ghanaian Association**

Paul Hayfron

**Water Blessing and Opening of the Auction**

*(Water plays an important role in our daily human lives and in our witness of faith. The blessing of the water today is only a symbolic act to remind us of how God has used water to bless us and nourish us in life and in faith. During Harvest, the focus is not on the water but on our response characterized by our giving. Those who bid for the water are bidding for the privilege and honor to lead us in opening the Harvest offering celebrations. Because water is prevalent in all our lives, God’s blessings belong to us all.)*

**Appeal for Funds**

*(Please follow the instructions of the Harvest Masters of Ceremony. Pray about the offering amount you are called to give and let the Harvest Masters of Ceremony know when your offering amount is appealed for.)*

**Sanctuary Auction**

**Closing Remarks**

\*Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\*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

\*Benediction Response

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

Wesley Choir

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

William Ness, organ  
Robert Hobby b. 1962

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