

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Laity 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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Piano Prelude

Clair de Lune (1905)  
from *Suite Bergamasque*  
Reverie (1890)

Will Sherwood  
Claude Debussy 1862-1918

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Krysta Asante, Liturgist

One: Covenant. Journey. Pilgrimage.

**Many: Words that remind us that our faith is a living, growing thing.**

One: Community. Accountability. Support.

**Many: Words that remind us that our faith places us in relationship.**

One: Together may we grow in faith,

**Many: Together may we serve with vigor.**

**All: Together let us worship God.**

\*Hymn

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

TFWS 2004

Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing  
and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge  
that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge  
only partial truth impart.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Far beyond our calculation  
lies a depth we cannot sound  
where your purpose for creation  
and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder  
of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder  
which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error  
which unthinking faith can breed  
lest we justify some terror  
with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river  
fight each other's undertow  
till converging they deliver  
one coherent steady flow,  
blend, O God, our faith and learning  
till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one, returning  
praise and thanks to you, their source.

\*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

**Joy Like a River**

Joy like a river in my soul...

**Praise, O Praise, My God and King**

Praise, O praise, my God and King.  
Hymns of adoration, sing;  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Loving God, we come here today with open hearts, minds, and spirits. We come to receive your wisdom and guidance. Fill our minds. We come to worship together and grow closer as a community. Fill our hearts. We come to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Fill our spirits. Strengthen us to live fully for your kin-dom purposes. Help us to live out your call in our lives. Fill us with your grace. In the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

"Give Me Jesus"

Wesley Chancel Choir  
David Potts, director  
arr. Larry Fleming, 1936-2003

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.**

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

\*Hymn

“The Summons”

TFWS 2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

\*Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard my people cry  
 All who dwell in dark and sin  
 my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them?  
 Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am, Lord  
 Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord,  
 if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them.  
 They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them.  
 Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
 I will tend the poor and lame,  
 I will set a feast for them.  
 My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide,  
 till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them.  
 Whom shall I send? [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

*Benediction Response	“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”	UMH 673, stanza 1
	God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.	
Organ Postlude	Improvisation on <i>Hyfrydol</i>	Will Sherwood

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