

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 30, 2022

Twenty-first 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

Two settings of

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
(A Mighty Fortress)*

William Ness, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude, BuxWV 184 1637-1707

Max Reger, Op. 67, no. 6 1873-1916

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Naa Dromo Aryee, Liturgist

One: You are righteous, O God, and your judgments are right.

Many: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

One: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

Many: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

One: Your righteousness lasts forever!

Many: Your law is the truth!

One: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

Many: Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

*Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH 110

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must with the battle.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him)

Me yi n'aye, 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...

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 Church (*unison*)

**Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal.
Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom which
will unite all Christians in one mission to the world. May we all grow up together into
Christ who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

"What Shall I Thank the Lord with"

Jennifer Quansah, solo
James Varrick Armaah

*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.

Anthem

Wesley Ghanaian Choir
Desmond Cheetham, director

But They That Wait

Newlove Annan

*Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

*Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

UMH 396

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*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” (v. 1)

UMH 673

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.

Postlude

Praeludium in G, BuxWV 147

Dieterich Buxtehude

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