

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 6, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

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

Rejoice in God's Saints

William Ness, organ

Charles Hubert Parry 1848-1918

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Judith Barton, Liturgist

One: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

Many: God is good to all and has compassion over all that God has made.

One: God upholds all who are falling.

Many: God raises up all who are bowed down.

One: God is faithful in every word, and gracious in every deed.

Many: God is righteous in every way, and merciful in every deed.

One: I will speak the praise of God;

Many: Let all creatures praise God's holy name forever and ever.

*Hymn

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

UMH 708

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

Joy Like A River

Joy like a river in my soul...

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!...

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Celebration of the Communion of Saints

Pastor: Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn.

All: In your grace we are one with a great multitude, and in praising you we join with those from every nation and celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory.

Pastor: Let us remember the members of the Wesley UMC who have died since All Saints Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives.

Henry Rand	Kenneth Hedenburg	Enid Holmberg
Grace Hayfron	Paul Keister	Howard Robbins
Arlene Benoit	Florence Burgess	David Burgess
Michelle McKinstry	May Edwards	

We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

All: We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Wesley Chancel Choir

David Potts, director

Oh! For a Closer Walk with God

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

*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.

Solo

Let Me Hide Myself in Thee

Abigail Borcheldt, soprano

Craig Courtney b. 1954

Epistle Reading		2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
*Gospel Reading		Luke 20:27-38
Message		Rev. Byungmoo Lee
Holy Communion	“The Great Thanksgiving”	UMH 13-14
Invitation to Dedication of Pledges		
Dedication of 2023 Pledge Cards		
Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	“Because He Lives”	UMH 364
	<p>God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal, and forgives; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.</p> <p>[Refrain] Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.</p> <p>How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy Jesus gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives. <i>[Refrain]</i></p> <p>And then one day I’ll cross the river; I’ll fight life’s final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know he reigns. <i>[Refrain]</i></p>	
*Shalom		Mensah Essilfie
	<p>God’s peace be unto you, We wish you Shalom! The peace of God which transcends all understanding be with you forevermore.</p>	
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response		UMH 673
	<p>“God Be with You till We Meet Again” (v. 1)</p> <p>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.</p>	
Postlude	Elegy	Robert Lind b. 1940

This piece was written in memory of those who died on September 11, 2001.

Call to Worship – Psalm 145 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
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