

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

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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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***Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance,  
or have a concern about health or safety.***

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Prelude

Adagio

C. Gurlitt

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

**Many: O my God, in you I trust.**

One: Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths.

**Many: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love.

**Many: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.**

**All: According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O God!**

\*Hymn

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,

and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

O give him all your tears and sadness;

give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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\*Praise Songs

**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!

**God You're So Good**

God you're so good. God you are kind.  
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.  
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**God of wilderness and water,  
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.  
Guide us through this season,  
that we may not avoid struggle,  
but open ourselves to blessing,  
through the cleansing depths of repentance  
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**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.**

The Offering

Offertory

Aseda Ndwom - Song of Thanks

James Varrick Armaah

I will always mention your name to the world,  
I will always mention your name to the world,  
What you have done for me, what you have done for me,  
I will speak of your name to the whole world.

You have changed my life, you have not left me astray  
I will sing and praise your name  
Thanks belong to You always.

Thanks, thanks, thanks, song of thanks,  
It is from my heart,  
Praises, praises, praises, song of praises  
It is from my heart,  
We have brought them, we have brought them, song of thanks,  
Thanks always belongs to You.

\*Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Passing of Peace

“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.

\*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Anthem

My Son, the Beloved

David Blackwell b. 1961

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
And as he came out of the water, he saw the heav’ns,  
The heavens torn apart and the Sprit descending like a dove on him.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my Son, my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Message

\*Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH 430

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.  
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in G minor

Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, Florence Oppong, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 25 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources*, Abingdon Press, 2011, 16.

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