

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 25, 2024

Second 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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

American Folk Song

Fred Bock

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: You who revere God, give praise!

**Many: Glorify God; stand in awe of God!**

One: For God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

**Many: God did not hide God's face from me, but heard me when I cried to God.**

One: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**Many: Those who seek God shall give praise.**

**All: I shall live for God and proclaim God's deliverance to all people.**

\*Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

\*Praise Songs

**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...

**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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy,  
and always ready to forgive.  
Grant us grace to renounce all evil  
and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children,  
joyfully serve you and faithfully walk in your holy ways;  
through Jesus Christ. 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

## Wo Nkoara (You Alone)

Hans Anderson

Lord, Creator of earth who lives forever,  
All your children rejoice and say that Lord you alone are Lord.  
Always, whether I rise or whether I walk,  
I owe it to you Lord. You make it possible for us to eat, you alone,  
Almighty, you alone are our King Jesus. You alone.

You alone are the healer, you make it happen so we will continually say that you alone are our King Jesus.  
We owe you thanks and we give you thanks.  
Our Lord, you alone are our King.

\*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 8:31-38

## Anthem

## “Take Up Your Cross”

Austin C. Lovelace 1919-2010

“Take up your cross”, the Savior said,  
 “If you would my disciple be, deny yourself, forsake the world, and humbly follow me.”  
 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
 His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame; nor let your foolish pride rebel;  
 Your Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell.  
 Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;  
 For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

## Message

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with him through the garden,  
I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

I’ll go with him through the judgment, I’ll go with him through the judgment,  
I’ll go with him through the judgment, I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Chorus of Worship

E. J. Lorenz

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

Call to Worship – Psalm 22 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 244. ALT.  
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