

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

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.

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

Prelude

Deep River

Charles Callahan

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul;

Many: The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple;

One: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart;

Many: The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: The reverence of God is pure, enduring forever;

Many: The ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer.

*Hymn

“O God Beyond All Praising”

TFWS 2009

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Praise Songs

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise) [*Feel free to sing in either language*]

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'
Ye yi W'ayε Na ye Ma Wo so!

Translation:

*You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

Unto The Lord Be the Glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your Word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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 Music

Joy Like a River in my Soul

NewLove Annan

Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul
Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul...
Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul,
Right in my soul
Joy like a river, Joy like a river, Joy like a river in my soul.
Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy like a river,
Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy in my soul
Joy! Like a river, Joy! Like a river, Joy like a river in my soul.

*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

John 2:13-22

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Durufle 1902-1986

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

Communion Meditation

Let Use Break Bread Together

African-American Spiritual

adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith 1986

Giving Thanks to God for the Life of the Late Ms. Grace Hayfron

*Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH 382

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

*Benediction

Postlude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
Wer nur den lieben Gott

Harold R. Vetter

Worship Leaders: Naa Dromo Aryee, Desmond Cheetham, 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 19 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 246. ALT.
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