

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth 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.

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

Prelude Meditation on Amazing Grace - NEW BRITIAN Charles Callahan

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Those who trust in God cannot be moved.

Many: God surrounds God's people.

One: God's grace is upon the righteous;

Many: God's peace is upon those who are upright in their hearts.

*Hymn

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

UMH 96

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.

Celebrate th'eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise with every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

*Praise Songs

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...

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

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

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

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

Prayer for Courage to Do Justice (*unison*)

**O Lord,
open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;
open my ears that I may hear their cries;
open my heart so that they need not be without succor;
let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears
that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.**

Children's Time

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

TFWS 2157

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

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 Anthem

Suo Mo Muo (Hold on to me)

Emmanuel K. B. Attah

Hold on to me, Father, hold on to me always
Hold on to me, my Lord, hold on to me always
When I am with you, I am victorious. I owe my success to you.
So, give me patience, blessings and love. Hold on to me.
My Lord, hold on to me always.

*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! 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 7:24-30

Anthem Amazing Grace Jean Anne Shafferman

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Message

Announcement

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH 548

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*Benediction

Postlude O God, Our Help in Ages Past - ST. ANNE Charles Callahan

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle,
Ronna Davis, Chris Flagg, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts,
Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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