

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Harvest Sunday

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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

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

UMH 265 (vs 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Richard W. Gieseke (cf. 20<sup>th</sup> C)

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: We gather together as a people who come from different backgrounds and cultural expressions, celebrating God’s gift of diversity in the church and in the world.

**Many: We come together, giving thanks for the gift of community and for the blessing of sharing in a common life together.**

One: For the gift of community, and the signs of God’s abundant love, let us lift our voices in grateful praise.

**Many: We join together in reaping a harvest of joy, a harvest of peace, a harvest of righteousness, and a harvest of hope.**

\*Hymn

“Maker, in Whom We Live” (verses 1, 3 & 4)

UMH 88

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.

Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

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

\*Praise & Passing of Peace

**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...

**Joy Like a River**

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Wondrous God, our hearts are full of praise for all of the glorious things you have given to us. When we look upon your creation, we realize that it reflects your glory. When we experience the gift of a parent's love, we are reminded of your tender love for us. When we worship in the great congregation of all who name you as Lord, we are blessed to be counted among your children. Hear our prayer of joy and thanksgiving this day, and sustain in us grateful hearts, that we might praise you eternally. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Giving Praise

Newlove Annan

When the morning guilds the sky with the beauty of the sun;  
when the li'l birds sing their joyful, joyful praise!  
With a heart so pure and true, with my eyes fixed in the sky,  
I will sing may Jesus Christ be praised. May Jesus Christ be praised.  
All praise and honor to him for evermore!

\*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

God's peace be unto you,  
We wish you Shalom!  
The peace of God which transcends all  
understanding be with you forevermore.

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Message

**Word of Welcome, Paul Hayfron, the President of the Ghanaian Association**

**Kofi and Ama: Celebrate the day of your birth**

## Water Blessing and Opening of the Auction

*(Water plays an important role in our daily human lives and in our witness of faith. The blessing of the water today is only a symbolic act to remind us of how God has used water to bless us and nourish us in life and in faith. During Harvest, the focus is not on the water but on our response characterized by our giving. Those who bid for the water are bidding for the privilege and honor to lead us in opening the Harvest offering celebrations. Because water is prevalent in all our lives, God's blessings belong to us all.)*

## Appeal for Funds

*(Please follow the instructions of the Harvest Masters of Ceremony. Pray about the offering amount you are called to give and let the Harvest Masters of Ceremony know when your offering amount is appealed for.)*

## Sanctuary Auction

## Closing Remarks & Announcement

\*Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Flourish of Trumpets

Henry Balcombe

***Everyone is invited to the celebration of  
International Lunch after worship service.***

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