

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion 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

Psalm

Gordon Young

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Vindicate me, O God, for I have walked in my integrity;

**Many: I have trusted in God without wavering.**

One: Prove me, O God, and try me;

**Many: Test my heart and mind.**

One: Your steadfast love is my guide;

**Many: Your faithfulness always leads me.**

One: O God, redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**Many: In the great congregation, I will bless my God.**

\*Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

UMH 189

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

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

\*Praise Songs

**Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him)**

Me yi n'aye, Me yi Nyamea' ye...

Me yi Nyamea' ye, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

**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 for World Communion Sunday (*unison*)

**O Lord our God,**

**listening to us here,**

**you accept also the prayers**

**of our sisters and brothers**

**in Africa, Asia, the Pacific,**

**the Americas and Europe.**

**We are all one in prayer.**

**So may we, as one,**

**rightly carry out your commission**

**to witness and to love**

**in the church and throughout the world.**

**Accept all our prayers graciously,**

**even when they are somewhat strange.**

**They are offered in Jesus' name. 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 Music

Mo Mma yenmbo se  
(Let us rejoice)

Nana Kofi Ampong Darkwa

Let us rejoice, God lives always. Let us rejoice, He will always fight for us. Let us rejoice, we will always be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

Let us rejoice, Christ our King walks with us always. Let us rejoice, He will grant us all our needs. Let us rejoice, we will be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

\*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 10:2-16

Anthem

UMW 632

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly in thy name,  
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As disciples used together in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*The United Methodist Church practices Open Communion. All who desire to live in the love and peace of Jesus Christ are welcome to the bread and cup of communion. At the direction of the ushers, come forward using the center aisle to stand or kneel at the communion rail for distribution of the elements. After consuming the elements and private prayer at the rail, you may return to your seat via the side aisles. Please alert the ushers to anyone wishing to be served while remaining seated in the sanctuary. Non-alcoholic grape juice is used, and gluten-free wafers are available.*

Announcement

\*Hymn

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

UMH 453

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
 This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
 now thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;  
 sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
 when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
 This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
 this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

\*Benediction

Postlude

Jubilation

Stewart Landon

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

Call to Worship – Psalm 26 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
 Common Prayer for World Communion Sunday – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources*,  
 Abingdon Press, 184.

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