

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 20, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

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

Charles Williams

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.

Many: We bring our praise and offer our lives to God.

One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

Many: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

One: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Many: Let us celebrate God's love with our voices and our lives.

*Hymn

"Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

UMH 579

Lord God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made;
your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half free, half bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.

Lord God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own;
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Lord God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do, while love is making all things new.

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

*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...

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*)

Good and gracious God, we have gathered here today in your name to lay aside our burdens, to listen to your Word, and to hear the voice of your Spirit. Open our hearts to your presence that we may surrender ourselves to your will and learn your way of being in the world. Teach us to resist the way of the world when it demands that we use your gifts for purposes that are not yours. Humble our hearts that we may follow instead the path of Jesus who, having all power and authority, chose the way of servanthood. Grant us the grace and humility to follow as he leads. In the name of Jesus our servant-leader, we pray. 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

Oye (He Is Good)

James Varrick Armaah

I have heard some good news, he is good, he is good,
I have heard some good news that Jesus is love...
He is good, Father God is good, he is good indeed, he is good, he is good...
Let us all join together and sing a song that He is good, He is good.
My heart is full of praise, and I will sing a song that he is good.

God is good, Father God is good, he is good, he is good indeed.
I will say it again and again, that he is good, he is good, he is good indeed.
Look at me, he has blessed me, he is a good father.
Come to him and he will save you as well.
I will say it again and again,
He is good, Father God is good. He is good indeed, he is good, he is good.

*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

Mark 10:35-45

Anthem

How Firm a Foundation

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Message

Announcement

*Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS 2241

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

*Benediction

Postlude

Jubilate

Steward Landon

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