

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth 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

Autumn

Antonio Vivaldi

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Blessed are those whose help and hope is in the Most High, their God;

Many: Who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever;

One: Who executes justice for the oppressed;

Many: Who gives food to the hungry; who sets the prisoners free.

One: God loves the righteous.

Many: God watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.

All: God will reign forever for all generations. Hallelujah!

*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

***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...

Osee Praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God!
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...
He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

Litany for Rebirth and Resilience

One: For rebirth and resilience,
Many: Bless be God;
One: For the spiritually humble,
Many: Glory to God, Hallelujah;
One: For all who hunger and thirst for justice,
Many: Praise God and magnify God forever;
One: For all who are banned from speaking the truth,
Many: Blessed be God;
One: For all who triumph over their bitter circumstance,
Many: Glory to God, hallelujah;
One: For all who risk reputation, livelihood, and life itself
for Christ's sake and the gospel;
**Many: All praise and all glory; this is God's kingdom;
praise God and love God forever.**

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 Mo wo Nyame bia Onto nko na Jada George Mensah Essilfie
(I have a God who is always awake and never sleeps)

I have a God who neither nods nor sleeps. When I cry out for Him or when I pray unto Him, He answers my prayers and He lives forever. I have a Special God who always stays awake.

He is my Refuge and my fortress. The Father never nods nor sleeps. In my distress, He is my helper/Savior. I have a God in whose name Elijah called for fire. Yes, I have a God.

Elijah's blood should come, Yes, I have a God. Truly, fire descended from the Heavens as was commanded and the fire accomplished the task at hand.

I have a God who neither nods nor sleeps. I have a God who lives forever and 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 12:28-34

Anthem

"Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

Text

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur,
timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Translation

Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
Let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
And as we hear and love the living God,
So let us in sincerity love all people.

Message

Giving Thanks to God for the Healing of Ms. Grace Woode

Announcement

*Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

UMH 581

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

*Benediction

Postlude

Marche Romaine

Charles F. Gounod

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, 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 146 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
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