

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

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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

“Prayer”

Leon Mann

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! Praise God in the sanctuary;

**Many: Praise God in the mighty firmament!**

One: Praise God for God’s mighty deeds;

**Many: Praise God according to God’s surpassing greatness!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise God!

**Many: Hallelujah!**

\*Hymn

“Thine Be the Glory”

UMH 308

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

**\*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...

**Unto the Lord Be the Glory**

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave.**

**By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you.**

**By being raised from the dead**

**you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin.**

**Throughout these fifty days of Easter**

**we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection.**

**For all praise in yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

Children's Time

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

TFWS 2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

**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

Our Lord Christ is Victorious

J. de-Graft Simpson

Our Lord Christ is victorious,

Our Lord Christ has risen from the dead

Alleluia, he has conquered death

He has broken the chains of death

Glory, Glory, praises, Alleluia, Amen.

\*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

John 20:19-31

Solo

David Potts, tenor  
G. F. Handel

“The Trumpet Shall Sound”, from “Messiah”

The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.  
And we shall be changed.

Message

Announcement

\*Hymn

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus,  
he came to love, heal, and forgives;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy Jesus gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I’ll cross the river;  
I’ll fight life’s final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know he reigns.  
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Prelude to Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier  
(1934-1704)

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, Jonathan Clark (trumpet), David Dagle, Ronna Davis,  
Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah,  
Gary Robinson, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 150 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.  
Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 394.  
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