

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

René Dubois

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! Praise God, O my soul!

Many: I will praise God as long as I live;

One: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Many: Blessed are those whose help is in the Most High.

One: Blessed are those whose hope is in the Most High, their God.

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

*Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

UMH 327

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

***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...

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

For Your blessings in My life

James Varrick Armaah

For your blessings in my life, your glory will never fade away
Your glory will never fade away, Saviour.
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
Your glory will never fade away, Lord of grace.

What sone shall I sing? What dance shall I dance?
What words can I express, Lord of grace?
For your blessings in my live, how can I repay you?
I will praise you without end, Lord of grace.

*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!

*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

Luke 7:11-17

Anthem

Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways.
He leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days,
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Message

Announcement

*Hymn

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

TFWS 2051

I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

*Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tunes on DIADEMATA

David Laskey

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, Linda D’Acri, David Dagle, Ronna Davis,
Cordelia Ferdinand, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts,
Jennifer Quansah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 146 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 393.

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