

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 18, 2025

Fifth 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

Convocation

Charles Callahan

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

Many: It is by God's grace that our lives are changed.

One: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

Many: O God, by your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.

One: Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of the Risen Christ.

Many: We give you thanks and praise.

*Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he has done!

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

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

*Praise Songs

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...

Praise, O Praise, My God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
Hymns of adoration, sing;
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...
Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again,
your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin,
your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone.
Raise and exalt us, O Savior,
both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory;
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, God for ever and ever. 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

Aseda Ndwom – Song of Thanks

James Varrick Armaah

I will always mention your name to the world,
I will always mention your name to the world,
What you have done for me, what you have done for me,
I will speak of your name to the whole world.

You have changed my life, you have not left me astray
I will sing and praise your name
Thanks belong to You always.

Thanks, thanks, thanks, song of thanks,
It is from my heart,
Praises, praises, praises, song of praises
It is from my heart,
We have brought them, we have brought them, song of thanks,
Thanks always belongs to You.

*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.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

*Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Anthem

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we’ll spread the news that
God is in our land.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side; And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save
each one’s pride.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

Praise to the Father from whom all things come, And praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son; Praise to the
Spirit who makes us one.
God’s Spirit makes us one.

Message

Announcement

*Hymn

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

UMH 480

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

*Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Lorraine Forsdick

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Cynthia Fletcher,
Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah,
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 392.
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