

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

May 25, 2025

Sixth 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

Air, "Bist due bei mir"

J.S. Bach

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us;

Many: Make God's face to shine upon us;

One: That your way may be known upon earth;

Many: Your saving power among all nations.

One: O God, let the peoples praise you;

Many: Let all the peoples praise you.

One: May God continue to bless us;

Many: Let all the ends of the earth revere God.

*Hymn

"Christ Is Alive"

UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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

*Praise Songs

Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him) [Feel free to sing in either language]

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...

I Will Lift Up Your Name Higher

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful

I will lift up your name higher...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Risen Christ,
may we who in baptism die to sin,
rise again to new life
and find our place in your living body.
May the new covenant sealed in your blood
bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world.
Alleluia. You are risen.
Praise and glory to the living God. 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

"Amman Mma – Children of the World"

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

He has conquered death. When He speaks, everything remains still. He is a conqueror. We will worship Him always.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for he is a mighty King.

Children of the world, go! We will sing for Him. We will shout praises unto Him.

We will magnify Him always. We will give him all the glory and honor.

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 14:23-29

Anthem

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never
ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon
it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’m come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to
arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Message

Announcement

*Hymn

“The Gift of Love”

UMH 408

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

*Benediction

Postlude

“Jubilate”

Ernest H Shepard

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns,
Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, Harllen Orofino, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Bill Zoldak,
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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