

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 1, 2025

Seventh 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

"Fountain Reverie"

Percy E. Fletcher

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Lord, you have examined me and know me. You know everything I do.

Many: You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know my actions.

One: You are all around me on every side; you protect me with all your power.

Many: Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding.

ALL: Come, let us worship together and sing our praises to the God of complete knowledge.

*Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to this temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

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

*Praise Songs

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise) *[Feel free to sing in either language]*

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'

Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

You own our praise! You own our praise!

We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Lord, so many voices are calling us at all hours of the day and night. They speak our name when we answer the phone. Their message screams at us from the television screen. The words leap out at us from the daily paper. All of them declare they know what is best for us. Help us, Lord, to shut out the sales of the people of the world, and to listen for your call to serve you and you alone. 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.

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 7:1-10

Anthem

Crown Him Lord of All!

Marty Parks (cf. 20th c)

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all!
O, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

Message

Announcement

*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH 384

(BLAENWERN, 87.87 D)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Benediction

Postlude

Ye Holy Angels Bright DARWALL'S 148th

Franklin Ritter

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, Erin Chetwynd (violin), David Dagle,
Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah,
Gary Robinson, Joseph Wilson, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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