

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

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

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

J. Wayne Kerr

Greeting

*Call to Worship

Matina Amoakohene-Kersey

One: Ascribe to God glory and strength;

Many: Ascribe to God the glory of God's name.

One: The voice of God is powerful.

Many: The voice of God is full of majesty.

One: May God give strength to the people!

Many: May God bless the people with peace!

All: Let us praise the name of God!

*Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All the works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

*Praise Songs

I Have Joy in My Heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

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...

Prayer for Trinity Sunday (*unison*)

Wesley Hammond

Everlasting God:

**You have revealed yourself as Father-Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love.**

**Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith,
and, living in praise of your divine majesty,
may finally be one in you;
who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Rite of Confirmation

Matin K. Amoakohene-Kersey, Matina A. Amoakohene-Kersey
Naa Dromo Aryee, Kevin K. Ohene Asante, Joyce A. Botwe
Bailey Burke, Evans E. Enyim, Wesley G. Hammond, Obama Taylor

PROFESSION of FAITH

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The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Bible.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

LAYING ON OF HANDS & CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Sisters and brothers, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Amen.

Children's Time

Naa Dromo Aryee

Litany of Commitment

Kevin Asante

One: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,

Many: We commit to truth and integrity and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of apathy and hatred,

Many: We choose to be proactive in love and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,

Many: We embrace the mystery of faith and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance,

Many: We celebrate God's salvation and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us,

Many: We choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Mo Mma Yenmbo se
(Let Us Rejoice)

Nana Kofi Ampong Darkwa

Let us rejoice, God lives always. Let us rejoice, He will always fight for us. Let us rejoice, we will always be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

Let us rejoice, Christ our King walks with us always. Let us rejoice, He will grant us all our needs. Let us rejoice, we will be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

*Doxology

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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

Romans 8:9-17

Obama Taylor

*Gospel Reading

John 14:18-24

Bailey Burke

Anthem

Hymn to the Trinity

John Leavitt (b. 1956)

Lord, God Creator, merciful and loving,
Jesus, Redeemer, ever to be worshipped,
Life-giving Spirit, Comforter most gracious,
God everlasting.

Three in a wondrous Unity unbroken,
One perfect Godhead, love that never fails,
Light of the angels, helper of the needy,
Hope of all living.

Lord God Almighty, unto You be glory,
One in Three Persons, over all exalted,
We sing You psalms of honour, praise and blessing,
Now and forever, Glory Hallelujah.

Testimonies

Matin K. Amoakohene
Joyce Botwe
Evans Enyim

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
 ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
 felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
 come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
 we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 true to our God, true to our native land.

Worship Leaders: Matin Amoakohene-Kersey, Matina Amoakohene-Kersey, Naa Dromo Aryee,
 Kevin Asante, Joyce Botwe, Bailey Burke, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Nizzi Digan,
 Evans Enyim, Joseph Fletcher, Wesley Hammond, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Marjorie Ness,
 Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Obama Taylor, Joseph Wilson,
 Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 29 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
 Prayer for Trinity Sunday – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 412.
 Litany of Commitment – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources Edition*, Abingdon Press, 77.
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2025 GRADUATES

High School

Rayan Amoakohene graduated from Doherty Memorial High School. He will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology to study...

Kevin Asante graduated from Abby Kelley Charter School. He will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute to study Architectural Engineering.

Ewan Grant graduated from Saint John's High School. He will be attending UMass Lowell majoring in Meteorology and Atmospheric Science.

Harllen Riyah Orofino graduated from Sutton High School. She will be attending UMass Amherst to study Bio Medical Engineering.

College

Bertha Amoako graduated from Framingham State University with a Master's in Healthcare Administration.

Nicholas Assie graduated from Worcester State University with a degree in Sociology with a concentration in Social Inequalities. He plans of pursuing graduate studies in Human Resources.

Marianne Grenier Borelli graduated from Southern New Hampshire University, receiving a B.A in Human Services in June.

Katie Mangus graduated from University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2025. She will not complete her final coursework until December but participated in graduation in May. She received a B.S. in Biological Systems Engineering and will be working for Cargill, Inc.

Edward O-Tetteh, Jr. graduated from UMass Dartmouth. He is planning to attend post graduate studies.