

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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*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.*

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***Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.***

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Prelude

Psalm 23

Alec Rowley

Abide with Me

Alex Rowley

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: The thunder of daily news crashes about us.

**Many: But God, you speak in a still, small voice.**

One: The earthquakes of our lives rattle us.

**Many: But your quiet, persistent whisper stays with us.**

One: The fire of our fears and desires roars within us.

**Many: But your gentle silence invites us in.**

One: You speak in our hearts in the sound of sheer silence.

**Many: Give us grace to listen to your silent Word.**

**All: We open the ears of our hearts, stilling ourselves that in the quiet we may hear, and worship you.**

\*Hymn

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

UMH 358

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

**\*Praise Songs**

**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...

**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...

**Common Prayer (*unison*)**

**God of truth, from you no secrets are hid. You hear what is on our minds; you know what is deep within us. We long to know your Word, to hear your voice, to feel your presence. We long to know you as you know us. As we wait in your presence now, speak to us— in scripture, in words, in silence, in song. May your whispering voice come to us and touch our hearts. Amen.**

**Children's Time**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

TFWS 2120, refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

**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 Music

"Oye" (He Is Good)

*James Varrick Armaah*

I have heard some good news, he is good, he is good,  
I have heard some good news that Jesus is love...  
He is good, Father God is good, he is good indeed, he is good, he is good...  
Let us all join together and sing a song that He is good, He is good.  
My heart is full of praise, and I will sing a song that he is good.

God is good, Father God is good, he is good, he is good indeed.  
 I will say it again and again, that he is good, he is good, he is good indeed.  
 Look at me, he has blessed me, he is a good father.  
 Come to him and he will save you as well.  
 I will say it again and again,  
 He is good, Father God is good. He is good indeed, he is good, he is good.

\*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.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19: 1-15a

\*Gospel

John 20:19-22

Message

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TFWS 2128

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
 find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
 clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
 all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
 making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
 raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
 let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
 there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
 in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Announcements

Liturgy of Farewell for Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Pastor: I thank you, the members and friends of Wesley United Methodist Church,  
for the love and support you have shown me  
while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.  
I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.  
As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**All: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,  
and accept that you now leave to serve as District Superintendent  
of the Commonwealth East District.  
We express our gratitude for your time among us.  
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.  
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness  
will not leave with your departure.**

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,  
trusting that our time together and our parting  
are pleasing to God.  
I release you from turning to me and depending on me.  
I encourage your continuing ministry here  
and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Nizzi Digan.  
  
Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,  
we give you thanks for cherished memories  
and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions.  
Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Spirit of God”

TFWS 2117

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,  
blow as you always do; create us anew.  
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,  
healing upon your wings for all living things.  
For when we live your peace captives will find release,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far-off lands  
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.  
No matter where we go you hold us together so,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,  
with power to heal, to share your love everywhere.  
We cannot fail or fall or know defeat at all,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,  
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.  
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

\*Benediction

Postlude

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupre

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