

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

"Jesus, Lead Thus On"

Paul Manz

"He Leadeth Me"

W. B. Bradbury

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whatever I do, wherever I be still it is God's hand that leadeth me.*

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.

Many: We come to worship and praise.

One: With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.

Many: With love for God, we gather as God's community of love.

*Hymn

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

UMH 717

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
his day is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

***Praise Songs**

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...

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...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, we thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer Time

Call to 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.		

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (You are invited to pray in the language of your choice.)

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	For Your blessings in my life	James Varrick Armaah
For your blessings in my life, your glory will never fade away Your glory will never fade away, Saviour. For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you? Your glory will never fade away, Lord of grace.		

What song shall I sing? What dance shall I dance?
What words can I express, Lord of grace?
For your blessings in my life, how can I repay you?
I will praise you without end, Lord of grace.

*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.

Psalter

Psalms 82

UMH 804

Response: Deliverance belongs to the Lord. Arise, O Lord, deliver us.

God is seated in the divine council; and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I said, "You are gods, godlike offspring, all of you;

nevertheless you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, judge the earth, for to you belong all the nations!

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Message

"A Geography of Faith"

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS 2153

I'm gonna *live* so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna *work* so God can use me...

I'm gonna *pray* so God can use me...

I'm gonna *sing* so God can use me...

Announcements

*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on CWM RHONDDA (Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)

John Hughes
Arr. Mark Rippe

Call to Worship and Common Prayer: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*
Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle,
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