

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 20, 2025

Sixth 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

Prayer - Prière à Notre-Dame" is the third movement of Léon Boëllmann's Suite Gothique, Op. 25

## Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

One: Even before we knock,

**Many: Christ opens the doors and invites us in.**

One: Before we even ask,

**Many: God knows our every need.**

One: Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,

**All: for the Spirit has called us here.**

### \*Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH 496

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### \*Praise Songs

**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!*

## **Praise, O Praise, My God and King**

Praise, O praise, my God and King.  
Hymns of adoration, sing;  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

### Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Christ Jesus, we come to your house this day, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the door of our hearts, as you have opened the door of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find rest in you. 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	Aseda – Thanks	J. G. Koomson
Aseda (sɛ no), Aseda (sɛ no), Aseda nka Nyame wo sor Ayeyi nye ntonton sɛ wo Abɔ sor Nyame a Eyɛ Kɛse (kɛ se) wonsa no ndwuma dzi adanse (ampa) dɛ Eyɛ Nyame a yɛ som woa ɔfa ta.  Thanks be to Him, Thanks be to Him, Thanks be to God on high, (2x) You are worthy of praise and adoration Lord of the All you are great Truly, all your handiworks bear witness that you are God who is worthy to be worshipped.		

#### \*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 85

UMH 806

**Response:** *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

Lord, you showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

**Response:** *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

**Surely salvation is at hand, for those who fear the Lord, that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before the Lord, and make God's footsteps a way.**

**Response:** *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Message

"The Prayer"

\*Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

UMH 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Announcements

\*Hymn

"We Walk by Faith"

TFWS 2196

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are, in full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

\*Benediction

Postlude

March Recessional

Lily Strickland (1884-1958)

MUSIC NOTES: Lily Strickland was an American composer, painter and writer. Lily Strickland was born in Anderson, South Carolina. Strickland began studying piano at age six and began composing in her teens. She studied piano and composition at Converse College and in 1905 received a scholarship to study at the Institute of Musical Arts, later Juilliard, in New York City.

Call to Worship and Common Prayer: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle,  
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