

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

July 27, 2025

Seventh 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

Service

René Dubois

"I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill; no field or mart is silent, no city street is still. I see my people falling in darkness and despair. Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?" John Haynes Holmes

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

Many: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

One: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

Many: We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.

*Hymn

Ye Servants of God

UMH 181

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are not near. Give us the chance to sit at your feet, that we may feel your real presence and in turn live out that presence within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools. Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the first born of all creation. Amen.

The Women's Mini Harvest

Praise Songs

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Osee Praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God!

He is worthy of our praise! Oh...

He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...

He is worthy of our praise! Oh...

He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

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...

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...

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/Kofi & Ama

Offertory Music

The Cup of Salvation

James Varrick Armaah

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

*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.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

*Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Testimonies

Giving Our Best

Chris Flagg, Susan Williams, Cordelia Ferdinand, Barb Ingrassia

Announcements

*Hymn

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

*Benediction

Postlude

Festival Postlude

J.E. Newell

Call to Worship: adapted from Nancy C. Townley, *Ministry Matters*
Common Prayer: adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.
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