

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 10, 2025

Ninth 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

Partita on "FOUNDATION"
II Reverie

Alice Jordan

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: From the rising to the setting sun,

Many: God summons us.

One: In the perfect beauty all around us,

Many: God brightens our hearts.

One: When we worship with acts of love and mercy,

Many: It is a sign that God's kingdom is coming.

All: Let justice and righteousness be our worship.

*Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*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...

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*)

Mighty God, dress us for action, for the world is in need of our care. Turn us from our selfish ways and help us share the fat of this good land. For when we refuse and rebel, we reap what we have sown. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. Heal us this day, and may it be your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. 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	Wo Nkoara (You Alone)	Hans Anderson
Lord, Creator of earth who lives forever, All your children rejoice and say that Lord you alone are Lord. Always, whether I rise or whether I walk, I owe it to you Lord. You make it possible for us to eat, you alone, Almighty, you alone are our King Jesus. You alone.		

You alone are the healer, you make it happen so we will continually
say that you alone are our King Jesus.
We owe you thanks and we give you thanks.
Our Lord, you alone are our King.

*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 50

UMH 783 (sung response)

Response: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory over all the earth be found.*

¹ The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

³ Our God comes, and does not keep silence, Before whom is a devouring fire,
Round about whom is a mighty storm.

⁴ **God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**

⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶ **The heavens declare God's righteousness, For God alone is judge!**

Response: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory over all the earth be found.*

⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not reprove you for your sacrifices;
Your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

⁹ But I will not accept a bull from your house, Nor a he-goat from your folds.

¹⁰ **For every beast of the forest is mine, The cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know all the birds of the air, And all that moves in the field is mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world and all that is in it is mine.**

¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High;**

¹⁵ **And call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."**

Response: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory over all the earth be found.*

- ¹⁶ But to the wicked God says, "What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?"
- ¹⁷ **For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.**
- ¹⁸ If you see thieves, you are their friends, and you keep company with adulterers.
- ¹⁹ **You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.**
- ²⁰ You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your mother's son.
- ²¹ **These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself,
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.**
- ²² Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I rend, and there be none to deliver.
- ²³ **Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who order their right way, I will show the salvation of God!"**

*New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Message

"We Walk by Faith"

*Hymn

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

UMH 128

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

Announcements

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
 speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
 Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
 bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
 still let thy spirit unto us be given,
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
 showing to wandering souls the path of light,
 walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
 lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
 we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious,
 who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
 we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

*Benediction

Postlude

Partita on "FOUNDATION"
 III Fantasy-Toccata

Alice Jordan

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

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