

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

August 31, 2025

Twelfth 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles Converse

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Sing in exaltation, people of God

Many: The Lord fills us with good things.

One: Shout for joy, children of the Holy One.

Many: God feeds us with finest wheat

One: God satisfies us with the sweetest honey.

Many: The Lord sustains us with living water.

*Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. *[Refrain]*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. *[Refrain]*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *[Refrain]*

*Praise Songs

I Have Joy in My Heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. *[Refrain]*

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul. Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. *[Refrain]*

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Help us show hospitality to strangers, Merciful One, for many have entertained angels unaware while doing so. Move us to treat one another as we would have others treat us, lest we find ourselves tortured or imprisoned with no one to come to our aid. May we always seek to do good and share from our abundance, for these things are pleasing in your sight. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer Time

Call to Prayer

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

TFWS 2120, refrain

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

Offertory

John Ness Beck/Craig Courtney

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O child; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

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 81:1-10

UMH 803

- ¹ Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
² **Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**
³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
⁴ **For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**
⁵ **who made it a decree in Joseph, when God went out over the land of Egypt.**
I hear a voice I had not known:
⁶ **"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.**
⁷ In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
⁸ **Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
⁹ There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
¹⁰ **I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Message

"Angels Unaware"

*Hymn

The Summons

TFWS 2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Announcements

*Hymn

Here I Am

UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

*Benediction

Postlude

Jubilate

Stewart Landon

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

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