

# Wesley United Methodist Church

*Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!*

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*At Wesley United Methodist Church, 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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or have a concern about health or safety.***

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**Please Stand in Body or in Spirit When You See the \***

## **Prelude**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Ronna Davis, organ

David H. Hegarty, composer

## **Welcome**

Rev. Nizzi Digan

## **Centering (in unison)**

*As We Gather*

*Michael Fay & Thomas Coomes, composers*

As we gather may your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came.  
We'll be blessed because we came.

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: When we are lonely and feeling lost...

**ALL: Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.**

One: When we are angry and frustrated...

**ALL: Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.**

One: When we are sorrowful and broken...

**ALL: Jesus binds up our wounds with His healing love.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who cares so abundantly for us. Amen.

## **\*Opening Hymn/Processional**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v1-5 only)*

UMH 57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken, hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

### **\*Praise Songs**

#### **We Will Celebrate Our God**

We will celebrate our God!...  
Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.  
We will celebrate our God!...

#### **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...

### **Opening Prayer**

**Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. AMEN.**

(Moment of Silence for Personal Confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*God Is Forgiveness*

*Taizé*

God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive and God will be with you.  
God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.

### **Time for the Child in Each of Us**

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.**

## \*Gospel Reading

*Luke 17:11-19*

NRSVUE

### Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

## Anthem

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Chancel Choir

*John Rutter, composer*

*Refrain* All things bright and beautiful,  
 all creatures great and small,  
 all things wise and wonderful:  
 the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
 God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountains, the river running by,  
 the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
 the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
 how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

## Message

*Unexpected Blessing*

Rev. Nizzi Digan

## The Offering & Offertory Music

Ghanaian Choir

*Amman Mma – Children of the World*

*Newlove Kojo Annan, composer*

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.

He has conquered death. When He speaks, everything remains still. He is a conqueror. We will worship Him always.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for he is a mighty King.

Children of the world, go! We will sing for Him. We will shout praises unto Him. We will magnify Him always. We will give him all the glory and honor.

### \*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, composer*

God's peace be unto you,  
We wish you Shalom!  
The peace of God which transcends all  
understanding be with you forevermore.

## Announcements

### \*Hymn/Recessional

*An Outcast Among Outcasts*

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1. An outcast among outcasts, dismissed with double scorn,  
belittled by the labels: "unclean and "foreign born"  
came back with thanks for Jesus, and then went on his way:  
An outcast among outcasts showed grateful faith that day.
2. An outcast among outcasts, where three were crucified,  
derided by the others as they hung side by side  
came back from death with power, God had the final say:  
An outcast among outcasts shows God to us today.
3. For outcasts among outcasts the boundaries are redrawn,  
by words, "Your faith has saved you," by cross and Easter dawn.  
The distant longed-for centers of power, peace, and care,  
where life is free to flourish, are found now every where.

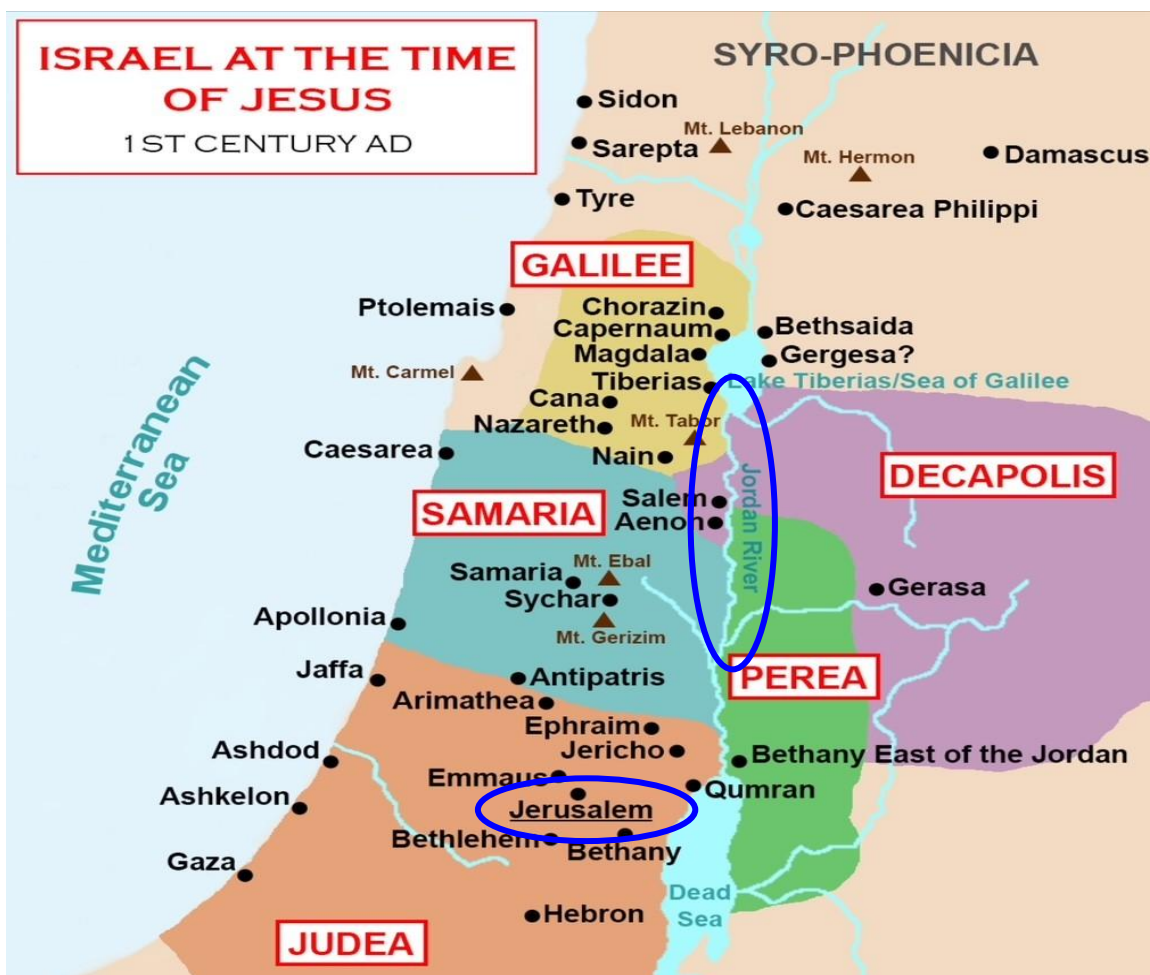
### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

*Fanfare on Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Ronna Davis, organ

*Charles Callahan, composer*



Worship Leaders: Linda D'Acri (liturgist), Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle,  
Chris Kerns, Deborah O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah,  
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

World Communion Sunday Bread Offerings:

English Sourdough, Earl Flagg; French Bread, Edith Isaac;

Ghana Homestyle Buns, Gifty Bentum-Asante; Italian Bread, Linda D'Acri;

Jamaica Hard Dough Bread, Judith Barton; Philippines Pan De Sal, Hubert & Helen Orofino; Portuguese Bread, Louis D'Acri; Scotland Scones, Betsy Pennino; Spanish Bread, Antonio, Sebastian & Mateo Paredes; Swedish Coffee Bread, Chris Flagg; Afghan Bread, Mirzai family

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## **This Week at Wesley**

*\*Outside groups. Registration is required.*

### **Sunday, October 12, 2025**

- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am Fellowship Time
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (Chapel)

### **Monday, October 13, 2025**

- Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day)
- 5:30 pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball

### **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

- 5:30 pm Go Hard or Stay Home BB\*

### **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

- 7:00 pm AA – BBSS (Chapel)

### **Thursday, October 16, 2025**

- 10:00 am Matt's Office Day (to 1pm)
- 5:30 pm Fruits of Labor BB\*

### **Friday, October 17, 2025**

- 5:30 pm Fruits of Labor BB\*

### **Saturday, October 18, 2025**

- 9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
- 10:00 am Carty Cupboard Food Pantry (until 11:30 am)

### **Sunday, October 19, 2025**

- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Fellowship Time
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (Chapel)

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

*For more events this month, there are copies of the October calendar in the Narthex.*