

# Wesley United Methodist Church

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

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

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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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***Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.***

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

**Prelude**

*Be Thou My Vision - SLANE*

Ronna Davis, organ

*Edward Broughton (1928-1933), composer  
Ancient Irish Melody*

**Welcome**

Pastor Nizzi

**Centering**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

UMH 206

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the Light of the city of God.  
  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**\*Call to Worship**

One: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

**ALL: We come to encounter God's glory revealed.**

One: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

**ALL: We come to witness God's glory revealed.**

One: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

**ALL: We come to remember God's glory revealed.**

One: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

**ALL: We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn/Processional**    *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

UMH 258

O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there  
where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;  
the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day  
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;  
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

**\*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!*

**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...

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, You are beyond our knowing, yet we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in His divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.**

**Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us.**

**Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear Your words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.**

(Moment of Silence for Personal Confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

*God Is Forgiveness*

Debbie O'Driscoll

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**

Pastor Nizzi

**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**

Pastor Nizzi

**The Lord's Prayer**

*(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice to celebrate our diversity.)*

**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.**

**Responsive Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 24:12-18*

NRSVUE

One: God said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

**ALL: So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God.**

One: To the elders Moses had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

**ALL: Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.**

One: Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.

**ALL: Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.**

**\*Gospel Reading**    *The Transfiguration*    *Matthew 17:1-9* (NRSVUE)

Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Chancel Choir

*Thomas Quigley, composer*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.  
Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word,  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.  
Thou my great Father and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.  
Riches I need not, nor Man's empty praise.  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my Heaven Thou art.  
High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys O bright Heaven sun.  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,  
Still be my vision O ruler of all.

**Message**

*On the Mountain — And Back Down Again*

Rev. Nizzi Digan

**Recognition of Certified Lay Servants**

**The Offering & Offertory Music**

*Suo Mo Muo (Hold on to me)*

Ghanaian Choir

*Emmanuel K. B. Attah, composer*

Hold on to me, Father, hold on to me always  
Hold on to me, my Lord, hold on to me always  
When I am with you, I am victorious. I owe my success to you.  
So, give me patience, blessings and love. Hold on to me.  
My Lord, hold on to me always.

**\*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**

**Radiant God, on the mountaintop You revealed Jesus Christ in glory before the eyes of the disciples, Peter, James and John. Shine Your light upon these gifts we bring, that they may reflect Your love into the valleys of this world. Through our giving, help us see more clearly the path You set before us. In the name of Your Son, the Beloved, we pray. Amen.**

**\*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**

Gifty Bentum-Asante

**\*Closing Hymn/Recessional** *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 every, only, all for thee.

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Nizzi

**Benediction Response**

Congregation

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you, my friends.  
Go and share the love of God, love that never ends.

**Postlude**

*Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

Ronna Davis, organ  
*V. Klauss (1805-1881), composer*



Worship Leaders: Allison Hansen (liturgist), Gifty Bentum-Asante,  
Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Deborah O'Driscoll, Antonio Paredes,  
David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Bill Robbins, Scott Shackett (acolyte),  
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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## **This Week at Wesley**

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

*\*Outside groups. Registration is required.*

### **Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Transfiguration Sunday**

- 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 (CH)

### **Monday, February 16, 2026**

- 6:30 pm SPRC

### **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday**

- 12:00 pm Prayer Circle (MEL)
- 6:00 pm Community Soup Supper
- 6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 pm AA-BBSS (LL)

### **Thursday, February 19, 2026**

- 7:00 pm Wesley Ringers (BH)

### **Friday, February 20, 2026**

### **Saturday, February 21, 2026**

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

### **Sunday, February 22, 2026**

- 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 (CH)

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

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