

Wesley United Methodist Church

Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

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.

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



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

Prelude

Ronna Davis, organ

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Dawn O'er the Garden

Ronna Davis, organ
Chester Nordman, composer

Welcome

Pastor Nizzi

Centering

Alleluia

UMH 186

Alleluia, Alleluia ...

***Call to Worship**

One: How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?

ALL: We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.

One: How shall we demonstrate that love.

ALL: We shall live that love in all that we do, think, and say.

One: Let our love be genuine and holy.

ALL: Praise be to God who has loved us totally. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn/Processional**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise

***Praise Songs**

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...

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!

Opening Prayer

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. 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

Blanket Sunday

Pastor Nizzi & UWF

Call to Prayer

Come & Fill Our Hearts

TFWS 2157

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace.
 You alone, O Lord, are holy.
 Come and fill our hearts with Your peace. Alleluia.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Nizzi

Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true.
 May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.

Mother's Day Candle Liturgy

Response: Lord, have mercy.

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord... **Response**

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope & their family & friends support & console them, we pray to the Lord... **Response**

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord... **Response**

For parents, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord... **Response**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over Your children on earth. Bless our mothers and all women, that they may be strengthened as Christian women. Let the example of their faith and love shine for all to see. Grant that we, sons and daughters, family and friends, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

***Gospel Reading**

John 14:15-21 (NRSVUE)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him because He abides with you, and He will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis, composer

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Message

A Love Story That Never Leaves Us

Rev. Nizzi Digan

The Offering & Offertory Music

Oye (He Is Good)

Ghanaian Choir

James Varrick Armaah, composer

I have heard some good news, He is good, He is good,
I have heard some good news that Jesus is love...
He is good, Father God is good, He is good indeed, He is good, He is good...
Let us all join together and sing a song that He is good, He is good.
My heart is full of praise, and I will sing a song that He is good.

God is good, Father God is good, He is good, He is good indeed.
I will say it again and again, that He is good, He is good, He is good indeed.
Look at me, He has blessed me, He is a good father.
Come to Him and He will save you as well.
I will say it again and again,
He is good, Father God is good. He is good indeed, He is good, He is good.

***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**

Generous and loving God, we remember those who have encouraged, taught, forgiven, and loved us. Our offering today is a response to all that we have received. Use these gifts to lift and bless others, as you have so faithfully done for us. In Jesus' name, 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**

Faith of Our Mothers [instead of Fathers]

UMH 710

1. Faith of our mothers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy when'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain:

Faith of our mothers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, we will strive to win all nations unto Thee;
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.

(Refrain)

3. Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach Thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.

(Refrain)

***Benediction**

Debbie O'Driscoll

Postlude

Ronna Davis, organ

Exalt His Name

Charles Cooke, composer

Worship Leaders: Cynthia Fletcher (liturgist), Gifty Bentum-Asante,
Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Deborah O'Driscoll,
David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Bill Robbins, Gary Robinson, Douglas Taylor, Chris Yeboah
Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Candle Liturgists: Cordelia Ferdinand, Barbara Ingrassia, Sandy McManus, Sandra Toffay

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This Week at Wesley

**Outside groups. Registration is required.*

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – Mother's Day

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

Monday, May 11, 2026

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

- 12:00 pm Prayer Circle (MEL)
- 7:00 pm AA-BBSS (CH)
- 7:00 pm Wesley Ringers (BH)

Thursday, May 14, 2026

- 6:00 pm WAUM

Friday, May 15, 2026

Saturday, May 16, 2026

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm Greater Accra Social Club*
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

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

The church office is open Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.