

Wesley United Methodist Church

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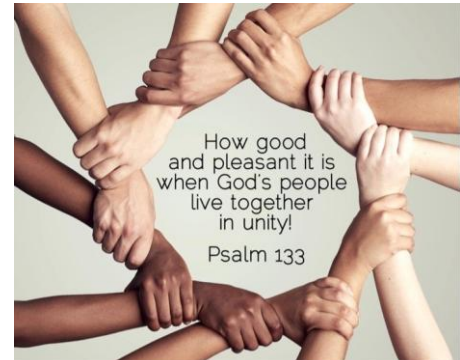
Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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

Be Thou My Vision

Ronna Davis, organ
Michael Burkhardt, composer

Welcome

Debbie O'Driscoll

Centering

Alleluia

UMH 186

Alleluia, Alleluia ...

***Call to Worship**

One: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

ALL: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

One: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

ALL: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

One: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

ALL: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God. Thank you all; thank you, God. Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn/Processional**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on they people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

***Praise Songs**

Praise O Praise, My God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
Hymns of adoration, sing;
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

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...

Opening Prayer

God and Creator of all humankind, Your Son Jesus Christ prayed that Your church might be one, even as You our God are one. May You renew our minds and rekindle Your love in our hearts, so that by the power of the Spirit, we might find the Oneness that You intend for us. God, may we recognize in Your Oneness our need for unity. God, may we recognize in your Three-ness, our need for community. God, may we recognize in your creativity, our need for diversity. God, may we recognize in Your Self, our need to love each other. 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 Joseph

Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me;
Take my hand and ever keep me close to Thee.

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 Joseph

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 17:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Christ is now Arisen

K. Lee Scott, composer

Now the song is begun, for the battle is done, and the victory won:
Now the foe is scattered: Death's dark prison shattered:
Sing of joy; and today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen!
They that followed in pain shall now follow to reign,
And the crown shall obtain; they were sore assaulted, they shall be exalted.
For the foe nevermore can approach to that shore,
When the conflict is o'er; There is joy supernal; there is peace eternal.
Sing of life; earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen
Then be brave, then be true, ye despised and ye few,
For the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you, spreads His buckler o'er you.
Sing of strength; earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen.
Lo, the victory is won and the foe is scattered, Death's dark prison shattered!
Hallelujah!

Message

Being God's Impression: Fight A Good Fight

Pastor Joseph Wilson

The Offering & Offertory Music

Ghanaian Choir

Mo MMA Yenmbo se (Let us Rejoice)

Nana Kofi Ampong Darkwa, composer

Let us rejoice, God lives always. Let us rejoice, He will always fight for us.
Let us rejoice, we will always be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

Let us rejoice, Christ our King walks with us always. Let us rejoice, He will grant us all our needs.
Let us rejoice, we will be victorious. Alleluia! Uplift and rejoice.

***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**

Unifying God of Grace, You have entrusted us with the joy of community and the calling of witness. As Jesus prayed that we might be one, we bring these gifts as a sign of our shared commitment to Your mission in the world. Let our giving reflect our love, our unity declare Your glory, and our generosity embody Christ's presence among us. Use these offerings to strengthen the church, to bless our neighbors, and to glorify your name. In Christ, we belong to You. In Christ, You are glorified in us. 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** *Christ from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 550

Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who they nature share, who thy mystic body are.

Join us, in one spirit join, let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call, thou who fillest all in all.

Move and actuate and guide, diverse gifts to each divide;
placed according to thy will, let us all our work fulfill;

Never from thy service move, needful to each other prove;
use the grace on each bestowed, tempered by the art of God.

Many are we now, and one, we who Jesus have put on;
there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Lord in thee.

Love, like death, hath all destroyed, rendered all distinctions void;
names and sects and parties fall; thou, O Christ, art all in all!

***Benediction**

Pastor Joseph Wilson

Postlude

Postlude on CWM RHONDDA

Ronna Davis, organ
Mark Rippe, composer

Worship Leaders: Debbie O'Driscoll (liturgist), Pastor Joseph Wilson (preaching)
Gifty Bentum-Asante, 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

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so she can respond in a timely manner.**

This Week at Wesley

**Outside groups. Registration is required.*

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)

Monday, May 18, 2026

- 6:30 pm SPRC

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Friday, May 22, 2026

Saturday, May 23, 2026

- 9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
- 4:00 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

- 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
- 4:00 pm WAUM Potluck Dinner (Jesus Life Center)
- 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.