

Wesley United Methodist Church

Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 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

Prayer

Ronna Davis, organ
Leon Boëllmann (1863-1897)

Welcome

Pastor Nizzi

Centering

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

***Call to Worship**

One: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

ALL: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise and follow.

One: We are here because we want to be God's people.

ALL: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

One: We come seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the Living God.

ALL: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn/Processional**

There's a Spirit in the Air

UMH 192

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue: tell the world what God has done.

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

***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...

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!...

Opening Prayer

Beckoning God, You promise long journeys and new names. Call us out to risk holy adventure with unusual table companions. Linger with us so that we may be faithful disciples, touching the fringe of your healing on behalf of all Your children. 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

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

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

Matthew 9:9-13

(NRSVUE)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting^[b] with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, composer

*Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine,
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

(translation)

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.*

Message

Follow Me

Rev. Nizzi Digan

The Offering & Offertory Music

Ronna Davis, organ

Capriccio

Edmund Lemaigre, composer (1849-1890)

*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**

Compassionate God, you call unlikely people and meet us in our most desperate need. Like Matthew, we are invited despite our imperfections. We are seen and restored by your mercy. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to bring healing, hope, and new life to your people. In the name of the One who makes us whole, 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.

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion

UMH 17, Musical Setting A

*The United Methodist Church practices Open Communion.
All who seek the love and peace of Jesus Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
At the direction of the ushers, please come forward by the center aisle to receive
Communion at the rail, then return to your seat by the side aisles after prayer.
If you wish to be served in your seat, please notify an usher.
Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available.*

Communion Music & Meditation

Take This Cup

Jerry Van Der Pol

Announcements

Gifty Bentum-Asante

***Closing Hymn/Recessional**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus –
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me –
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow –
no turning back, no turning back.

***Benediction**

Rev. Nizzi Digan

Postlude

Fanfare and Majestic Largo

Ronna Davis, organ
*Juliet Calkins and Ellen Jane Lorenz, composers
(1907-1196)*

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

Communion Servers: Solomon Aryee, Mark Muncey, Hubert Orofino, Ebenezer Rajendran

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This Week at Wesley

**Outside groups. Registration is required.*

June 9-13 Pastor Nizzi will be on vacation.

For pastoral emergency, please call Joseph Wilson at 508-963-9555.

Please Note: With Debi's return, the church office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am – 1 pm.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

- 8:00 am Community Breakfast
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am Communion Breakfast
- 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

Monday, June 8, 2026

- 5:30 pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball *

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

- 5:30 pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball *

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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

Thursday, June 11, 2026

- 5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Friday, June 12, 2026

- 5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Saturday, June 13, 2026

- 9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
- 7:00 pm Contra-Dance (BH)

Sunday, June 14, 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
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)