

Wesley United Methodist Church

Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

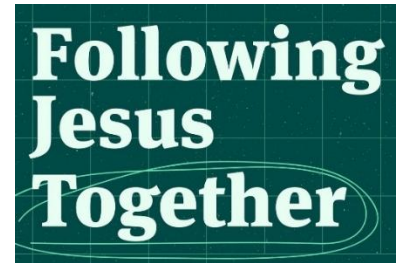
Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

June 21, 2026



Mission Statement:

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

Meditation

Ronna Davis, organ
S. Heller, Op. 47

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**

Based on *Psalm 103*

One: Come, bless the Lord with me!

ALL: For God is like a father to his children compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

One: God forgives our sins, and heals the sickness inside us;

ALL: God surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our lives with good things! Let's worship God together! Amen.

Faith of our fathers, 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 fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, 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**

Faith of our fathers, 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**

***Praise Songs**

Me yi N'aye (I Will Praise Him) [Feel free to sing in either language]

Me yi n'aye, Me yi Nyamea' ye...

Me yi Nyamea' ye, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

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

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who in compassion for the helpless and harassed crowds, sent out His disciples with words of hope and deeds of love. We look around us today and see the same depths of human need; we know that you send us out with good news now. We humbly and joyfully accept your mission, trusting in Jesus Christ to give us courage and strength. 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.

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

Candle Lighting Liturgy for Fathers

Pastor: Today, we light candles for fathers. For the hands that held us steady, for the voices that spoke truth, for the hearts that loved without end.

(Pause briefly for reflection.)

First Candle – Fathers Present

One: This first flame is for fathers who walk beside us today, their laughter, their wisdom, their quiet strength.

ALL: May their light shine in our homes and in our hearts.

(Light the first candle.)

Second Candle – Fathers Remembered

One: This second flame is for fathers we can no longer see, yet their love still glows in our memories, and their lessons still guide our steps.

ALL: **May their light never fade from our lives.**

(Light the second candle.)

Third Candle – Fathers in Spirit

One: This third flame is for those who have been fathers in spirit, mentors, friends, and guides who have stood in the gap with love and care.

ALL: **May their light remind us that fatherhood is a gift of the heart.**

(Light the third candle.)

Pastor: Three flames, three stories, one love, the love of a father's heart, whether near or far, whether by birth or by choice. May we carry this light forward, and may it warm our world.

ALL: **Amen.**

Music

Amazing Grace

Piano

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 10:26-31, 37-39 (NRSVUE)

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn

The Family Prayer Song

TFWS 2188

Come and fill our homes with your presence;
you alone are worthy of our reverence.

Refrain: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
We will serve the Lord.

Lord we vow to live holy,
bowing our knees to you only. **Refrain**

Message

Fearless Families, Faithful Followers

Rev. Nizzi Digan

The Offering & Offertory Music

Ghanaian Choir

It is by Grace

James Varrick Armaah, composer

It is by Grace, God’s Grace that has made me worthy.
Just Grace that has made me worthy.
It is that Grace that has brought me this far.
It is by Grace, God’s Grace,
It is not by my might nor wisdom, but it is Grace
It is by Grace, God’s Grace that has brought me this far.

***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**

Loving God, we come with hearts full of thanks—for creation, for Jesus, and for your Spirit among us. Now, we offer our gifts as a way of saying thank you. Let these gifts be part of your good news shared in word and deed. May they reflect our trust in your promise and our willingness to follow. 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**

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 ever, only, all for thee.

***Benediction**

Rev. Nizzi Digan

Postlude

Jubilate

Ronna Davis, organ
Stewart Landon, composer

Worship Leaders: Huburt Orofino and Gary Robinson (liturgists), Gifty Bentum-Asante,
Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Deborah O'Driscoll,
Jennifer Quansah, Bill Robbins, Gary Robinson, Douglas Taylor
Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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This Week at Wesley

**Outside groups. Registration is required.*

Please Note: The church office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am – 1 pm.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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

Monday, June 22, 2026

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

- 2:00 pm Sunshine Girls – Steve Boyns
- 5:30 pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball *

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

- 12:00 pm Prayer Circle (MEL) – *All are Invited to Come!*
- 7:00 pm AA-BBSS (CH)

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026

- 3:30 pm Gibbs/Aguirre Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 27, 2026

- 9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
- 3:00 pm Gibbs/Aguirre Wedding

Sunday, June 28, 2026

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School – ***VBS Activities***
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)

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