

Wesley United Methodist Church

Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:00 AM

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

Adagio Variation 2 from A Patriotic Suite

Ronna Davis, organ

Charles Callahan, composer

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: Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy.

ALL: Jesus will give us rest.

One: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace

ALL: Christ will give us peace.

One: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus.

ALL: For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

One: Come, let us worship our God.

ALL: Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

***Opening Hymn**

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **Refrain.**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. **Refrain**

***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!

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

God, we come to you, weary. We lay down our heavy burdens. You who are gentle and humble in heart, give us rest for our souls. Yoke our hearts to Jesus, that we may learn the ways of love, that we may live with courage and peace. 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 11:16-19, 25-30 (NRSVUE)

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn

Cares Chorus

TFWS 2215

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet
And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

Message

Rest for the Journey

Rev. Nizzi Digan

The Offering & Offertory Music

Ghanaian Choir

Kyere me Kwan (Show Me the Way)

Justice G. Francois, composer

Show me the way, show me the way, Almighty God.
Show me the way so that I may not get lost.
Where are we going? Only you know. Will all be well? Only you know.
Take my hand, lead the way. Almighty God.
Take my hand, lead the way so that I may not stumble.

***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**

God of promise, we long for your peace in the midst of life's burdens. Use these gifts to open space in our hearts where Christ may dwell more deeply. Through faithful giving, may we come to know the rest and renewal you freely offer. 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.

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 bread and non-alcoholic grape juice are available.

Holy Communion Music (Congregation)

Eat This Bread

UMH 628

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Announcements

Gifty Bentum-Asante

*Closing Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bring the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

*Benediction

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Postlude

Ronna Davis, organ

Patriotic Medley (Congregational Sing-along)

arr. Russell Mauldin

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

God Bless America

Irving Berlin, composer

Worship Leaders: Peter Hansen (liturgist), Gifty Bentum-Asante, Desmond Cheetham,
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: Gbemi and Franklyn Taylor, Emmanuel and Tete Bragg Paitoo

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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, July 5, 2026

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

Monday, July 6, 2026

- 5:30 pm Go Hard or Stay Home Basketball *
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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

Thursday, July 9, 2026

- 5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Friday, July 10, 2026

- 5:30 pm Fruits of Labor Basketball *

Saturday, July 11, 2026

- 9:30 am Ghanaian Choir Rehearsal (MEL)
- 3:00 pm 75th Birthday Party for Linda D'Acri

Sunday, July 12, 2026

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (JW)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour
- 7:00 pm Sunday AA (CH)