

Wesley United Methodist Church

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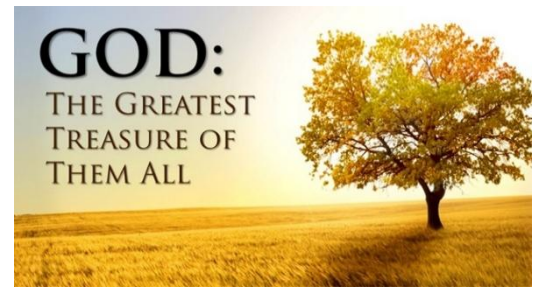
Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Women's Mini-Harvest

July 26, 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	<i>Meditation</i>	<i>J.E. Newell (1843-1936)</i>
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Welcome		Pastor Nizzi
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Centering	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	UMH 393
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Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.2X

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

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

***Call to Worship**

One: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

ALL: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

One: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

ALL: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

One: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

ALL: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	UMH 694
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Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all of fenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner ever more.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

***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...

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...

Opening Prayer

God of grace, You have poured Your love on us. You have given us the seeds of hope and compassion. You have called us the treasure that is meant to enrich the world. Help us be those people who are so confident in Your presence that we dare to step out in faith, to work for You in places of need and strife; to witness to Your love in all that we do, proclaiming Your presence with our mouths and our actions. Give us Your guidance, Your forgiveness, and courage to be at work in Your kingdom. 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 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSVUE)

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Message

The Treasure Worth Everything

Pastor Nizzi

Women's Mini Harvest/Kofi & Ama Offering

Gifty Bentum-Asante

Music Selection by the Ghanaian Choir

The Offering & Offertory Music

Ghanaian Choir

It Is by Your Grace that I Am Alive

Sam Asare Bediako, composer

It is by Your grace that I am alive. God, You have done a lot for me.

My Lord, I owe you thanks. I will sing and give you adoration.

Whatever I have belongs to you. It is by your Grace that I am still alive.

My Lord, I owe you thanks. I will sing and give you adoration.

***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**

Gracious God, we are grateful that You welcome all who seek Your love. Let these gifts be joined with our prayers, our presence, and our service, that we may live as faithful disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope and healing to Your people. 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**

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**

Postlude

March of the Choristers

Ronna Davis, organ

J.E. Newell (1843-1936)

Worship Leaders: Gifty Bentum-Asante (liturgist), David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Deborah O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Douglas Taylor, Chris Yeboah, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

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