

Wesley United Methodist Church

Serving the Community with Faith & Love Since 1927!

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan, Pastor & Spiritual Director

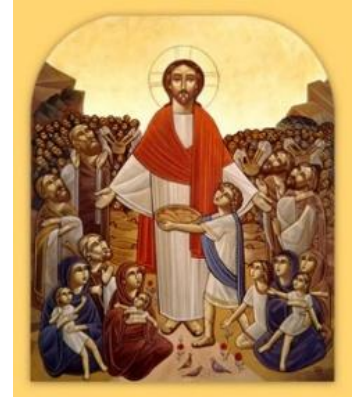
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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.



Icon of Christ Feeding
the Multitude

***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

Grant Us Thy Peace

Ronna Davis, organ

Maxcine W. Posegate, composer

Welcome

Pastor Nizzi

Centering

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

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: God of love, we come to you hungry for your Word.

ALL: With the loaves and fishes of our worship, feed us.

One: We come to you weary and in need of renewal.

ALL: With the loaves and fishes of your grace, heal us.

One: We come weary from the work of love and justice.

**ALL: With the loaves and fishes of your Spirit, give us strength for the work to come. Feed us,
God, for we need you.**

***Opening Hymn**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
though changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as though hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all min, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

***Praise Songs**

Osee Praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God!
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...
He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

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...

Opening Prayer

Loving God, our hearts are the little loaves and fishes of Your presence in us. By the mystery of Your Spirit in us, multiply them. Feed us with Your grace. We are hungry. We are listening. 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.

The Apostle's Creed, Ecumenical Version

UMH 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSVUE)

Jesus said to his disciples, "They (the crowd) need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Message

More Than Enough

Pastor Nizzi

The Offering & Offertory Music

Ghanaian Choir

Amman Mma – Children of the World

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.
Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for He is a mighty King.
He has conquered death. When He speaks, everything remains still. He is a conqueror.
We will worship Him always.

Children of the world, children of the world, praise the Lord, for he is a mighty King.
Children of the world, go! We will sing for Him. We will shout praises unto Him. We will magnify Him always. We will give him all the glory and honor.

***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**

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world, nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city. Yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. 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

Communion Music & Meditation

Communion Medley

arr. Russell Mauldin

Let us break bread together on our knees; (repeat) when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (repeat) when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Open my heart, Lord Jesus, before your table spread. Know me, meet me, nourish and feed me with holy wine and bread. (repeat)

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. Amen

Announcements

Gifty Bentum-Asante

***Closing Hymn**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

***Benediction**

Pastor Nizzi

Postlude

Fanfare and Majestic Largo

Ronna Davis, organ

Ellen Jane Lorenz, composer

Worship Leaders: Ophelia Asenso (liturgist), 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

Communion Servers: Ophelia Asenso, Mark Muncey, Emmanuel Sam, Evette Walters

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