Worship Service

John Wesley United Methodist Church 9:30 am Church Backyard October 25th, 2020

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth", "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" (Mirela) and "Perfect Peace" (Bell Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Over)

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Over)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:10-17

MEDITATION: "Loop of Grace"

PRAYER

THE JOHN WESLEY PRAYER (Over)

HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

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

POSTLUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

Donations are gratefully accepted in the box as you leave the service.

Meditation—Rev. Rebecca Mincieli Pianist—Mirela Chisbora

Hymn Credits: "Now Thank We All Our God": Words: M. Rinkart ~ Music: J. Cruger & "Sent Forth By God's Blessing":

Words: O. Westendorf~ Music: Welsh folk tune CCLI License # 1846140

Call to Worship from Psalm 24:

Rebecca: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

Community: We give thanks for God's beautiful creation

Rebecca: The world, and those who live in it

Community: We give thanks for the gift of life God has given us

Rebecca: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

Community: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts

Rebecca: They will receive blessing from the Lord.

Community: Let us praise God for all our blessings

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see; who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.

He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Sustainer of all creation!

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John Wesley Prayer

Dear Lord, we want John Wesley to be a strong and vital church in our community. And we want to be guided by your vision and plan for us. As we move into the future, please lead us all in our thoughts, our discussions, and our decisions. Show us what you would have us do and how you would have us do it. And help us always remember that John Wesley is your church, not ours – may your will be done. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Love God.....

Love others.....

Serve the world.

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