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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE JOINT WORSHIP
AUGUST 31, 2025 • 10:00 am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏: – Shane Cantanho

WELCOME 歓迎: — Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP 招きの言葉:** – Barbara Mulford

Leader: Come, beloved of God, to hear Christ's command.

People: We come this morning to Wesley Church, to receive the word of love.

Leader: Christ says, "Love one another, as I have loved you."

People: By this love, the world will know we are his disciples.

Leader: Let us gather in the Spirit of Christ, who first

loved us.

All: With open hearts, we come to worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER 祈禱:** – Barbara Mulford

Gracious God, you call us into the way of love, not just words, but lives shaped by compassion, mercy, and faithfulness. As we worship this morning, open our hearts to your Spirit. Teach us again what it means to follow Jesus: to love as he loved, to serve as he served, and to give ourselves fully to your purposes. May this time of worship at Wesley Church strengthen us for the week ahead, so that others may see Christ alive in us. Amen.

***SONG: “Power of Your Love”** – Wesley Praise Band

Words and music by Geoff Bullock

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Lord, I come to you,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I’ve found in you.
And Lord, I’ve come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the pow’r of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle,

and I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on
in the pow'r of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind,
as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day in the pow'r of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on
in the pow'r of your love.

***SONG: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"**

– Wesley Praise Band

Words and music by Martin Smith

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Over the mountains and the sea
your river runs with love for me:
And I will open up my heart
and let the healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,

and I will daily lift my hands
for I will always sing of
when your love came down.

I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
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your river runs with love for me:
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I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing.
It's foolishness, I know;
but when the world has seen the light,
they will dance with joy
like we're dancing now.

I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.

Children and Youth remain in worship.

SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Barbara Mulford

John 13: 34-35; 14:15, 21; 15:17

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Hikaru Bakoshi 馬越ひかる

ヨハネによる福音書13章34節-35節, 14章15節, 21節, 15章17節
(新共同訳)

³⁴あなたがたに新しい掟を与える。互いに愛し合いなさい。わたしがあなたがたを愛したように、あなたがたも互

いに愛し合いなさい。³⁵互いに愛し合うならば、それによってあなたがたがわたしの弟子であることを、皆が知るようになる。」

¹⁵「あなたがたは、わたしを愛しているならば、わたしの掟を守る。

²¹わたしの掟を受け入れ、それを守る人は、わたしを愛する者である。わたしを愛する人は、わたしの父に愛される。わたしもその人を愛して、その人にわたし自身を現す。」

¹⁷互いに愛し合いなさい。これがわたしの命令である。」

MESSAGE 説教: “Commanded to Love” – Rev. John Oda

SONG: “Pass It On” UMH #572 – Wesley Praise Band

Words and music by Kurt Kaiser

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It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing,

the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金: — Barbara Mulford

OFFERTORY MUSIC: – Shane Cantanho

***DOXOLOGY 颂荣:** – Shane Cantanho

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words by Thomas Ken, Music by Luis Bourgeois

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In Japanese:

A-me-tsu-chi ko-zo-ri-te
Ka-shi-ko-mi ta-ta-e-yo
Mi-me-gu-mi a-fu-ru-ru
Chi-chi mi-ko mi-ta-ma wo. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER 祈禱:** — Barbara Mulford

Generous God, every gift we have comes from you. As we return a portion of what you have given us, bless these offerings. Use them to spread love where there is hate, hope where there is despair, and peace where there is conflict. Make us instruments of your love in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈禱: — Rev. John Oda

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Creator, 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.

***HYMN: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”**

– Wesley Praise Band

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We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:

And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news
that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity
and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

***BENEDICTION 祝禱:** – Rev. John Oda

***RESPONSE 応答:** – “Go Now In Peace”

– Wesley Praise Band

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Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Postlude

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*Please stand if you are able.