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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE JOINT WORSHIP**

"I REMEMBER YOU" SERVICE

OCTOBER 19, 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: — Mark Teagle, Director of Spiritual Formation, Community Engagement, and Music

***CALL TO WORSHIP 招きの言葉:** – Beverly Lovaas

Leader: We come to worship at Wesley Church, not because life is easy,

but because we know the One who hears our cries.

People: We come with faith that does not give up.

Leader: Like the persistent widow, we bring our prayers again and again.

People: For we trust in a God who listens, who cares, and who brings justice.

Leader: Let us worship the God who invites us to pray always and never lose heart.

All: With hope and persistence, we lift our hearts in worship this morning!

***OPENING PRAYER 祈禱:** – Beverly Lovaas

Loving God, you hear the cries that others ignore. You see the struggles we carry deep inside. Teach us today the power of persistence, not just in asking, but in trusting. Strengthen our faith when we grow weary, renew our hope when we feel unheard, and remind us that your timing is always rooted in love. Help us to pray with the confidence of those who know they are seen and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***SONG: “Holy Forever”** – Wesley Praise Band

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A thousand generations
falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
and all who've gone before us

and all who will believe
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest,
your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions,
your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven
and if you've been redeemed,
sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear his name,
sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear your people sing, "Holy,"
to the King of kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Your name is the highest,
your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions,
your name stands above them all.

Jesus, your name is the highest,
your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions,
your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear your people sing, "Holy,"
to the King of kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

***SONG: "I Belong" – Wesley Praise Band**

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Here I am
in the presence of the great I Am,
near to your heart, O God.
I have found my joy.
I've searched so long,
in darkness I walked so far,
fighting but I'm holding on
when your love draws near.

Hallelujah, I belong here
in your presence, safe and secure.
I see hope coming on the horizon.
There's no need for hiding, 'cause I belong.

I often fail,
but daily your love prevails.
Christ, my peace within.
I will trust in you.
In your presence, Lord,
joys will overflow.
You are God and friend.
I am whole again.

Hallelujah, I belong here
in your presence, safe and secure.
I see hope coming on the horizon.

There's no need for hiding, 'cause I belong.

I belong here, I belong here,

I belong here, in your presence.

I belong here, I belong here,

I belong here, in your presence, in your presence.

Hallelujah, I belong here

in your presence, safe and secure.

I see hope coming on the horizon.

There's no need for hiding, 'cause I belong.

Hallelujah, I belong here

in your presence, safe and secure.

I see hope coming on the horizon.

There's no need for hiding, 'cause I belong.

I see hope coming on the horizon.

There's no need for hiding, 'cause I belong.

Children and Youth dismissed to their classes.

ANTHEM: “Be Not Afraid” — Chancel Choir

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SCRIPTURE 聖書: — Beverly Lovaas

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray

always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

JAPANESE SCRIPTURE聖書: – Kaori Okano 岡野薫
ルカによる福音書18章1節-8節(新共同訳)

¹イエスは、気を落とさずに絶えず祈らなければならないことを教えるために、弟子たちにたとえを話された。

²「ある町に、神を畏れず人を人とも思わない裁判官がいた。³ところが、その町に一人のやもめがいて、裁判官のところに来ては、『相手を裁いて、わたしを守ってください』と言っていた。⁴裁判官は、しばらくの間は取り合おうとしなかった。しかし、その後に考えた。『自分は神など畏れないし、人を人とも思わない。⁵しかし、あのやもめは、うるさくてかなわないから、彼女のために裁判をし

てやろう。さもないと、ひっきりなしにやって来て、わたしをさんざんな目に遭わすにちがいない。』」⁶それから、主は言われた。「この不正な裁判官の言いぐさを聞きなさい。⁷まして神は、昼も夜も叫び求めている選ばれた人たちのために裁きを行わずに、彼らをいつまでもほうっておかれることがあろうか。⁸言うておくが、神は速やかに裁いてくださる。しかし、人の子が来るとき、果たして地上に信仰を見いだすだろうか。」

MESSAGE 説教: “When God Seems Silente”

— Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

REMEMBRANCE RITUAL:

SONG: “Spirit Song”(Instrumental) — Wesley Praise Band

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COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金: — Beverly Lovaas

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“No One Is Alone from *Into the Woods*”

— Ivan Vielma, Jahzara, Shane Cantanho

Words and Music by Stephen Sondheim .

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Altar flowers are given by Jim & Kazuko Tengan

In celebration of five Tengan and Miyahara birthdays.

***DOXOLOGY 頌栄:** — Wesley Praise Band

"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 祈祷:** — Beverly Lovaas

Gracious God, just as the widow kept coming before the judge, we come before you; faithful, hopeful, and trusting in your goodness. Receive these gifts as signs of our perseverance and faith. May they be used to bring justice, healing, and compassion to a world that longs for your presence. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — 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: “Be Still My Soul” UMH #534**

— Wesley Praise Band

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Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

***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: — Shane Cantanho

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*Please stand if you are able.