



Wesley United Methodist Church

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

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## RECONCILING SUNDAY

### ENGLISH WORSHIP

February 25, 2024 • 10:00 am

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** 前奏 – Shane Cantanho, piano

**WELCOME** 歓迎: — Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

**VIDEO:** “Simply Lent”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** 招きの言葉 (L.-Liturgist; P.-People)

– Marilyn Hasegawa

L: Risen Christ, you met Paul on his way to Damascus and Peter while he was fishing.

**P: Meet us as we gather this morning here at Wesley Church and be with us in our daily life.**

L: We pray that we may be transformed as they were!

**All: We pray that we will fulfill our potential and  
discover new possibilities in ministry and service.  
Amen!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER 祈祷** – Marilyn Hasegawa

Oh God, later in our service we will hear the story of the Apostle Paul. We thank you for touching this man on that road to Damascus and helping him realize that he was persecuting people in the name of the scriptures, as he interpreted them. Like Paul, may we be bold to share this good news that you are an all loving and all accepting God. Thank you, in your name we pray. AMEN

**\*SONG: “Welcome”**

– Wesley Praise Band

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Let's walk together for a while  
and ask where we begin  
to build a world where love can grow  
and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing  
and to plant the seed of peace,  
  
singing welcome, welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share

'cause all of us are welcome here;  
all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time  
when we will share a feast,  
where pride and power kneel to serve  
the lonely and the least,  
and joy will set the table  
as we join our hands to pray,

singing welcome, welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here;  
all are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day  
when earth and heave are one,  
a city built of love and light,  
the new Jerusalem,  
where our mourning turns to dancing,  
every creature lifts its voice,

crying welcome, welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here;  
all are welcome in this place.

**\*SONG: “Come Through Open Doors”**

– Wesley Praise Band

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Come through open doors, loved by open hearts.  
Join with open minds, welcome as you are.

To the streets and byways, Jesus sends us there.  
Banquet invitations in our hands  
that we’re meant to share.

Come through open doors, loved by open hearts.  
Join with open minds, welcome as you are.

Let all children enter in; that’s why Jesus came.  
Wrapped his arms around them in embrace.  
We must do the same.

Come through open doors, loved by open hearts.  
Join with open minds, welcome as you are.

To all of the exiles left outside to roam,  
we are reconciling; you can come on home.

Come through open doors, loved by open hearts.  
Join with open minds, welcome as you are.  
Welcome as you are. Welcome as you are.

***Children, youth, and teachers excused to their classes.***

**CHOIR ANTHEM:**

**“The Handiwork of God”** – Chancel Choir

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**SCRIPTURE聖書:** – Marilyn & Ted Hasegawa

Acts 9:1-18 (*The Message*)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

“Who are you, Lord?”

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The people who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the

hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.

The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision.

“Ananias.”

“Here I am, Lord.”

“Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a someone from Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision someone named Ananias come in and lay hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

“Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”

“Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

So Ananias went and entered the house. Ananias laid his hands on Saul.

“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized.

**VIDEO: “A Reconciling Congregation, Today!”**

**MESSAGE 説教:**

**“Our Journey of Faith”**

– Scott Riddle & Dindo Bustrillos

**SONG: “How Could Anyone?” – Wesley Praise Band**

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How could anyone ever tell you  
you were anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you  
you were less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice  
that your loving is a miracle?  
How deeply you’re connected to my soul.

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you were anything less than beautiful?  
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**COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金 : — Ted Hasegawa**

Altar Flowers were given by the Wesley Family in  
honor of All genders

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

"In Christ There is no East or West" — Shane Cantanho

**\*DOXOLOGY 頌栄 — Shane Cantanho**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" words by Thomas Ken | music by  
Luis Bourgeois | words and music Public Domain*

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 o. Amen

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER 祈祷** — Ted Hasegawa

Blessed God, daily you reveal the glory and splendor of your kingdom. By concentrating our gifts on buying convenience and familiarity, we diminish your offer of abundant grace. Enable us through this offering to focus on your way and not on the temptations of this world. We pray humbly in your Spirit. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷:** — Rev. John Oda

**\*HYMN 赞美歌: “Draw the Circle Wide”**

— Wesley Praise Band

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

In your sadness and in your grief,  
from all the pain, it seems there's no relief.  
We will hold you until the storm subsides.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

In your sadness and in your grief,  
from all the pain, it seems there's no relief.  
We will hold you until the storm subsides.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,

draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

**\*BENEDICTION 祝禱:** — Rev. John Oda

**\*RESPONSE 応答 — “Go Now In Peace”** — Shane Cantanho

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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.