

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018

9:30 AM

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly and reverently in the presence of the Lord, and quiet your cell phones.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Noemi Meza

PRELUDE

*Pastorale*

Guitar/N. SanchezTio

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Laude

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side: when the weather patterns changed and tornadoes, hurricanes, and wildfires came out of nowhere...

**People: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side: when the flood waters came in to our homes and flooded our fields...**

Leader: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side: when life happened, and things did not go as we planned...

**People: Where would we be? How would we make it through?**

Leader: Let us worship the One who is always on our side. Let us worship God!

**People: Let us worship God!**

†OPENING HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* (vs. 1, 3, and 4) Hymn 463

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Sue Laude

**God, when we hear the daily news, it is easy to think that life is a valley of sorrows filled with tears. Remind us through the stories of survivors, that you are with us always and that your love for us never fails. We celebrate the times when heaven and earth meet—the times you break into our lives in ways that make us exclaim: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side...! Thank you for a love that transcends calamity—a love that lifts up those who suffer, a love that frees the lips to rejoice. Amen.**

Prayer Response:

*Jesus, My Jesus*

On the wall

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Are Ye Able* (vs. 1 and 4)

Hymn 530

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament: James 3:13-18

Sue Laude

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“Two Kinds of Wisdom”

Pastor Noemi Meza

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Morning Has Broken*

Donna Bach

†DOXOLOGY

On the wall

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Noemi Meza

**God, receive these monetary sacrifices and make us mindful of other sacrifices that we are called to make to further your work in the world. Amen.**

†CLOSING HYMN

*I Surrender All* (verses 1, 2, 3)

Hymn 354

†BENEDICTION

*Alleluia*

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

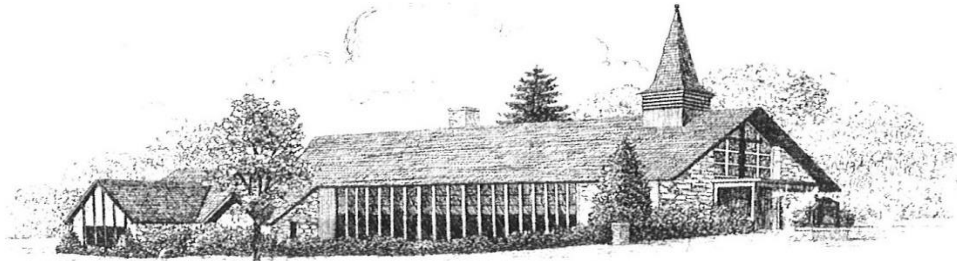
POSTLUDE

*Chaconne* – H. Purcell

Donna Bach

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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## **Wesley United Methodist Church**

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### **Vision:**

**Living in the light of God's love and following Christ, we joyfully embrace the future as a welcoming multi-cultural church. We gather for worship, learning, spiritual growth and fellowship. We go out to serve, sharing the light of Christ by promoting justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.**

(Adopted by the Wesley Church Council, April 14, 2013)

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:30 A.M. Worship

Fellowship Time Following

Sunday School 11:00A.M. - Spanish Service 11:30 A.M.

### **Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

### **Church Staff**

Noemi Meza –Lead Pastor

Omaira Mora –Fe y Esperanza Pastor

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist/Pianist

Erika Bringas & Santos Ortiz – Worship Multimedia

Gwen Catron– Office Administrator

Rod Ball – Custodian

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