

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

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# Covenant United Methodist Church

*"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and living out Jesus' command to love God and neighbor"*

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 28, 2025 – 10:00am**  
*(\*Indicates standing, as you are able)*

### PRELUDE

**\*OPENING HYMN**     *I Love You Lord*     **(TFWS 2068)**

### WELCOME, PRAISE & TESTIMONY

**Pastor Charles**

### OPENING PRAYER

**Pastor Charles**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand if you are able)*

Leader: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

**People: We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.**

Leader: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

**People: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.**

Leader: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

**People: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.**

Leader: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please be seated) **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **Morning Bible Study with Pastor Caldwell**

Wednesdays @ 7:00 am

(Via Zoom: ID: 908 756 2684; Passcode: 07060)

### **Evening Bible Study with Pastor Bridget Charles**

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

(Via Zoom: ID: 908 756 2684; Passcode: 07060)

**Sunday School** – Every Sunday @ 10:00 am,  
*Fellowship Hall*

### **Administrative Church Council Meeting**

*(Immediately following the service)*

**Prayer Room**

### **Community Worship Service and Dinner**

**Every Monday @ 5:30 pm—7:00 pm**

*(We welcome volunteers, monetary and food donations)*

### **Tuesday, September 30**

**ALL** Conference Report Forms are due.

Please upload via ARENA

### **Saturday, October 18 @ 9:30 am**

**Annual Church Conference**

Wesley UMC, 1500 Plainfield Avenue, S. Plainfield

**\*CLOSING HYMN**     *To God Be the Glory*

**(UMH 98)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Charles**

### POSTLUDE





**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** *(Please be seated)*  
**Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 (NIV)**

**32** *This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup> The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.*

**<sup>3</sup>** *Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.*

**<sup>6</sup>** *Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup> Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’*

**<sup>8</sup>** *“Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’ “I knew that this was the word of the Lord; <sup>9</sup> so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup> I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. <sup>11</sup> I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— <sup>12</sup> and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.*

**<sup>13</sup>** *“In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: <sup>14</sup> ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. <sup>15</sup> For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** *(Please stand if you are able)* **(UMH 71)**  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** *(Please stand as you are able)*  
**Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)**

**<sup>19</sup>** *“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

**<sup>22</sup>** *“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.*

**<sup>24</sup>** *So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’*

**<sup>25</sup>** *“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.*

**<sup>26</sup>** *And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’*

**<sup>27</sup>** *“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’*

**<sup>29</sup>** *“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’*

**<sup>30</sup>** *“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’*

**<sup>31</sup>** *“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”*