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 | 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

SPECIAL SELECTION Holy Spirit Rain Down

MESSAGE Pierre Omadjela
Safety in the Shadow of the Lord:
A Call to Faith and Generosity

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH 95)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Standing and in unison)

Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone. May what we give today bring shade to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts. Amen. (Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2025)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please stand as you are able)
Our merciful God, we come to You as a people of disordered affections. We find ourselves replacing greater things with lesser things. We sit idly and fill ourselves with empty words, images and activities. We confess to You our investment in frivolous things, wasted energy on entertainment, social media and knick-knacks that have no value. Oh God, revive us, ignite us that we might treasure that which You treasure—love, compassion, justice, mercy, truth and grace. In Your grace meet us, heal us and transform us into the likeness of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (UMH 400)

*APOSTLES' CREED (Please stand if you are able)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Universal
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please stand as you are able)
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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. ² 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.

³ 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.

⁶ Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ 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.'

*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; "so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. "I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. "I I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— 12 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.

¹³ "In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ¹⁴ '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. ¹⁵ 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.

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

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

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ 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.'

²⁵ "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. ²⁶ 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.' ²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

^{31 &}quot;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."