

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
- **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
- **No congregational singing during worship service.**
- **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**

Prelude

William Ness, organ

Procession

Charles Callahan b. 1951

based on St. Anthony Chorale of Haydn

Flourish and Processional

Douglas Wagner b. 1952

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Judith Barton, Liturgist

One: How precious is the steadfast love of God!

Many: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

One: Christ is the fountain of life.

Many: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

Hymn Interpretation

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

UMH 166

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant, that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Holy God, through signs of grace You reveal Your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders You perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust with our hearts that You alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Praise Song Interpretation

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him)

Me yi n'ayε, Me yi Nyamea' yε...

Me yi Nyamea' yε, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah ...

English:

I will praise God, I will praise my God...

I will praise my God, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah...

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Prayers of the People & 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.

*Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Message

'Where Is My Life Going?'

Rev. James Hoffman

Hymn Interpretation

Heralds of Christ

UMH 567

Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.

Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;
prepare across the earth the King's highway.

Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Shalom Interpretation

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

Benediction

Postlude

Mr. Purcell's Wedding March

William Ness, organ

John Cook 1918-1984

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