

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 23, 2022

Third 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

Andante from *Sonata in F minor, Op. 127, no. 7*

Josef Rheinberger 1839-1901

Adagio

Nancy Phillips 20th c.

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Allison Hansen, Liturgist

One: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,

Many: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

Many: Your judgments are like the great deep.

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

Many: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

Many: In your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Hymn Interpretation

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praise Song Interpretation

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'
Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

English:

*You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

I will lift up your name higher

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful
I will lift up your name higher...

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

Luke 4:14-21

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Hymn Interpretation

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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

William Ness, organ

Fugue from *Sonata Op. 65, no. 2* Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

On your way out you may leave your tithe/offering and attendance slip in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. You can also mail your offering to the church or give online via church website (wesleyworc.org).

Call to Worship – Psalm 36 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 207.
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