Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 6, 2022

Fifth 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.
- Remain seated as we sing the closing hymn and Shalom.
- Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude William Ness, organ

A Little More Faith in Jesus
Bread of Heaven

John Work III 1901-1967 William Cooper 1920-1967

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;

Many: I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: On the day I called, you answered me;

Many: You increased my strength of soul.

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble;

Many: You stretch out your hand, and your mighty hand delivers me.

One: God will fulfill God's purpose for me;

Many: Your steadfast love, O God, endures forever.

Hymn Interpretation Over My Head TFWS 2148

[Refrain] Over my head, I hear music in the air; (x3) there must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air; (x3) there must be a God somewhere.

[Refrain]

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^{*} Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air; (x3) there must be a God somewhere. [Refrain]

Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air; (x3) there must be a God somewhere.

[Refrain]

Common Prayer (unison)

God of love and compassion, you have called us to rise from our lethargy and be about the work you have placed before us. Give us courage, resourcefulness, strength and joy in the work we do that our lives may reflect your love and presence with us. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Praise Song Interpretation

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

Me yi N'ayε (I Will Praise Him)

[Feel free to sing in either language]

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...

Children's Conversation

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 5:1-11

Message Rev. Byungmoo Lee

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Holy Communion

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created

light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore UMH 344

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring through my labors to give others rest, and constant love that keep on loving.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Don Lee White b. 1929

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).

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