

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 20, 2022

Seventh 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.**
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Prelude

William Ness, organ

My Lord, What a Morning

Richard Billingham b. 1934

Consolation on *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Carlton Inniss 1924-1999

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Gifty Bentum-Asante, Liturgist

One: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Many: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

Many: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

Hymn Interpretation

There Is a Balm in Gilead

UMH 375

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.

* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Common Prayer (*unison*)

God of abundant mercy, You alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us Your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise Song Interpretation

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise)

Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so...

Hwie nhyira bi fa me me! Hwie W'a yaresa gu me so με.

English:

I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise!...

Pour your blessing in my cup, pour your healing in my cup O Lord...

I Have Joy In My Heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Children's Conversation

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

(Let us offer our intercessions to God saying: God in your mercy, **hear our 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 6:27-38

Piano Solo

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Michael Larkin b. 1951

Message

Can You Feel the Love?

Rev. James Hoffman

Hymn

Go Forth for God

UMH 670

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

* Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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

Tocatta on *I Believe This is Jesus*

Dennis Janzer b. 1954

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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