

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday After the Epiphany / Human Relations Day

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.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel 1805-1847

Andante con moto

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

One: Let us praise God;

Many: Who sets our feet upon a rock.

One: God makes our steps secure.

Many: God puts a new song in our mouths.

One: Let us speak of God's faithfulness!

Many: Let us sing of God's salvation!

*Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Praise Songs

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Praise, O' praise, My God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
Hymns of adoration, sing;
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Litany for Human Relations Day

One: Eternal God, we come to you this morning hungering for something from you that will change the rest of our lives.

Many: We come hungering for honesty instead of corruption; for generosity instead of greed; for integrity instead of intrigue.

One: We come hungering for our neighbors to be fed and for all to have enough honest work to provide for the basic needs of their families.

Many: We come this morning hungering for righteousness to flow like rainwater and for the justice like and ever-flowing stream described by the prophet.

One: We come hungering and we come listening for your words to us, describing how we can participate in your great work of re-creation.

Many: We come listening for ways that we can become part of the solution and not part of the problem.

All: We come praying that we will have the courage to respond and act if we hear a clear word of instruction from you. Speak, God, for your children are listening. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

I Love to Tell the Story

Dale Wood 1934-2003

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 1:29-42

Anthem

"I Waited for the Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

From *Hymn of Praise*

Adrienne Hall-Phillips & Deborah O'Driscoll, soloists

*I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, and He heard my complaint.
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.*

Message

*Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

UMH 156

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it life the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*Shalom

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

*Benediction Response

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (v. 1)

UMH 664

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

Postlude

Moderato in F Major, Op. 22

Niels Gade 1817-1890

Worship Leaders: Naa Dromo Aryee, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Wesley Chancel Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 40 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Litany for Human Relations Day – *A Pastoral Prayer for Human Relations Day*, by Safiyah Fosua ALT.

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