

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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*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.*

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*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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Greeting & Announcement

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising  
*Thaxted*

Albert Travis b. 1940

\*Call to Worship

One: Sing praises to God, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**Many: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

One: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**Many: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

One: You turn our mourning into dancing!

**Many: Our souls cannot be silent!**

**All: O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

\*Hymn

"O God Beyond All Praising"

TFWS 2009

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

\*Praise Songs

**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...

**We Will Celebrate Our God**

We will celebrate our God!...

Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.

We will celebrate our God!...

Prayer for a New Heart (*unison*)

**Thou who art over us,**

**Thou who art one of us,**

**Thou who art:**

**Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;**

**a humble heart, that I may hear thee;**

**a heart of love, that I may serve thee;**

**a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

Intermezzo from *Sonata in A minor, Op. 98*

Josef Rheinberger 1839-1901

\*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.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem

Blessed Are Those

Benjamin Harlan b. 1954

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn; for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will have mercy;*

*Blessed are the pure, for they will see God.*

*Blessed the makers of peace, for they are the children of God.*

*Blessed are those who suffer for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Rejoice and be glad those who sow in tears, for they will see God.*

Message

\*Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.

\*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

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542a

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

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

Call to Worship – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 453 ALT.

Prayer for a New Heart – *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 392.

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