

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

February 5, 2023

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.**
 - **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

Benedictus

Alec Rowley 1892-1958

*Call to Worship

One: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Many: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength:

Many: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

One: they shall run and not be weary;

Many: they shall walk and not faint.

*Hymn

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

UMH 160

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Unto The Lord Be the Glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Gracious God, You call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of Your love for all people.
Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with Your good news.
Amen.**

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

Thee We Adore

Robert Hebble 1934-2020

*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.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte b. 1947
Ovid Young 1940-2014

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?

Refrain: 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 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?

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?

Refrain

Message

Holy Communion

"The Great Thanksgiving"

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

UMH 378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*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

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

Deep River

Joel Raney b. 1956

Worship Leaders: Rev. James Hoffman, Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, William Ness,
Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Worship Tech Team