

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Sunday

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.

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

Prelude

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris 1979

*In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

Many: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

One: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

Many: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.

One: We join together on one journey, the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

Many: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.

All: Let us join with all our sisters and brothers in worship and true communion with God this day.

*Hymn

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH 114

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.
Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.
Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.
Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise on Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

*Praise Songs

Osee Praise

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Praise the almighty God!
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...
He is worthy of our praise! Halleluyah!

Osee Yee Praise Him Halleluyah!...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh...
He is worthy of our praise! Oh Praise God...

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!...

Litany for Christian Unity

One: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

Many: Listen to us, O Lord.

One: Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with God's gifts along the way to full unity.

Many: Listen to us, O Lord.

One: Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

Many: Listen to us, O Lord.

One: Let us pray in unison.

**All: We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit.
Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth,
and grant that we may share with others
the goods you have put at our disposal.
Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit
to lead to full unity all your children in full charity,
in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TFWS 2128, v. 1

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

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.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Aseda Ndwom (Song of Thanks)

James Varrick Armaah

I will always mention your name to the world,
I will always mention your name to the world,
What you have done for me, what you have done for me,
I will speak of your name to the whole world.

You have changed my life, you have not left me astray
I will sing and praise your name
Thanks belong to You always.

Thanks, thanks, thanks, song of thanks,
It is from my heart,
Praises, praises, praises, song of praises
It is from my heart,
We have brought them, we have brought them, song of thanks,
Thanks always belongs to You.

*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

*Passing of Peace

"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.

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8-10

And the Father will dance over you in joy!
 He will take delight in whom He loves.
 Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
 No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
 And He will joy over you in song!
 My soul will make its boast in God,
 For He has answered all my cries.
 His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
 Awake my soul, and sing!
 Let my spirit rejoice in God!
 Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
 Cast away fear for you have been restored!
 Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
 Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.
 God rejoices over you in song!

Message

Sheri Linn

Announcement

*Hymn

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UMH 519

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
 ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
 felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
 come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
 we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 true to our God, true to our native land.

*Benediction

Postlude

Ye Holy Angels Bright

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Call to Worship – *Worship & Song: Worship Resources*, Abingdon Press, 2011, 68. ALT.
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