

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30AM, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "Abide with Me"

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here.

**In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

**In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

**In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

**May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.**

\*HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **UMH # 400**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**God, our God, as you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is gone; it is stale; it is old. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

**Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! Amen.

**Thanks be to God.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

**John 2:1-11 (NRSV)**

- 1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
- 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.
- 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come."
- 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
- 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
- 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it.
- 9 When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom
- 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

**MESSAGE** "The Transforming Joy" Rev. Dongkue Jee

**RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN "He Leadeth Me" UMH # 128

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

**OFFERING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH # 430

\*BENEDICTION Responsive

Go now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's love. Do not be silent about God's faithful love, but shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep your hearts honest. And may God rejoice over you and call you "My Delight"; May Christ Jesus bring out the best in you, to his glory; And may the Spirit equip you all with gifts for the common good. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah"

\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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