

Woodbury  
United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 16, 2022

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Human Relations Day

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”  
Barb and Jeff Hunt, Bells

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill and Judy Wilhelms

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.  
**But there is only one Spirit.**

There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.  
**But it is the same Lord we all serve.**

There are many activities we can do to serve God: teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...  
**But all these are activated by God.**

There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.  
**It is impossible to list them all.**

To say that one is better than another is foolish.  
**God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #569 (*UM Hymnal*)

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*  
Hymns sung by Amanda Cloud

(see pp. 5-6)

\*OPENING PRAYER

led by Bill Wilhelms

**Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy, may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile. God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

led by Judy Wilhelms

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

read by Judy Wilhelms

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11

read by Judy Wilhelms

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 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.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #714

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

(see pg. 7)

SERMON

Rev. J. Michael Cobb

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Whether your jars are empty or full of wine, whether your gifts seem mighty or small, they are gifts to be treasured and shared, just as we are gifts to be treasured and shared. Let us share ourselves and our gifts with the world this day.

### SPECIAL SUNDAY: HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Barb and Jeff Hunt, Bells

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, we are reminded through scripture of the spiritual gifts that you give. We know that these are not for us to hold onto but are gifts for us to share – gifts from you meant for giving. As we offer our tithes and offerings, prompt us to commit more than dollars, but to see the gifts you have written on our hearts and to share generously of these as well! We pray these words in the name of Jesus, in whose way we follow, for whose love we are eternally grateful. Amen.

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #555

*Forward Through the Ages*

(see pp. 8-9)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cobb

And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts: go and share what God has given you; go and proclaim that God's love is here; go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new.

\*POSTLUDE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Rosamond Johnson

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THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

# 569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions,  
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions,  
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions,  
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions,

that shall turn their hearts to the right, a  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a  
that the Lord who reign - eth a - bove hath  
who the path of sor - row hath trod, that

sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of  
song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the  
sent us his Son to save us, and show us that  
all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the

peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.  
spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.  
God is love, and show us that God is love.  
truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

WORDS: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896  
MUSIC: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

MESSAGE  
10 8.87 with Refrain

Hymn # 569 (CONT'D)

*Refrain*

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the  
dawn - ing to noon - day bright; and Christ's great king - dom shall  
come on earth, the king - dom of love and light.

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of Hymn # 569. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains the first two lines of the refrain. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final line. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the dawn - ing to noon - day bright; and Christ's great king - dom shall come on earth, the king - dom of love and light."

# 714 I Know Whom I Have Believed

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he  
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he  
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing  
 4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or

hath made known, nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love re-  
 did im-part, nor how be-liev-ing in his word wrought  
 us of sin, re-veal-ing Je-sus through the word, cre-  
 noon-day fair, nor if I walk the vale with him, or

*Refrain*

deemed me for his own.  
 peace with-in my heart. But I know whom I have be-  
 at- ing faith in him.  
 meet him in the air.

liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble to

keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day.

WORDS: Daniel W. Whittle, 1883 (2 Tim. 1:12)  
 MUSIC: James McGranahan, 1883

EL NATHAN  
 CM with Refrain

Forward Through the Ages

1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
 2. Wid - er grows the king - dom, reign of love and light;  
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;  
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.  
 in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri - umph all.

gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,  
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,  
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.  
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.  
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

WORDS: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908  
 MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

ST. GERTRUDE  
 65.65 D with Refrain



HYMN #555 (CONT'D)

*Refrain*

For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

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*Meg Temple*, Lay Leader

*Kathy Craig*, Office Administrator

*Chris Shay*, Director of Music

## Mission Statement

*We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.*

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## Week of January 16, 2022

**Visitors are warmly welcomed!** If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available on the table at the registration area.

**If you would like to become a member** of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Bill and Judy Wilhelms*, Readers; *Amanda Cloud*, Singer; *Barbara and Jeff Hunt*, Bells; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

**Please note:** Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
  - **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.
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## THE PRAYER CORNER

**Outpatient rehabilitation:** *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

**Recovering at home:** *Laura Brush*; *Lynne Brencher*; *Carol Hennessey*; *Liam McGrath*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas*; *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Cindy Tedesco* and *Donna Louise Burke*, friends of *Kathy Craig*; *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

**Outpatient treatments:** *Dave Brencher*; *Bob Asman*

**Please remember our Confirmands:** *Annabelle Cloud*, *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, and *Matthew Shupenis*


**Homebound members:** *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net) for this month's birthday listing. Reminder that we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date. The 2022 calendar is available in the Narthex on Sunday and posted in the office during the week.

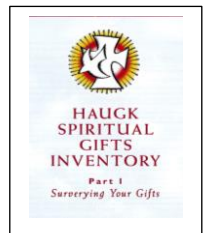
## SPECIAL NOTICES & DATES TO REMEMBER

*This Sunday, January 16, 2022 is **Human Relations Day** and a Special Sunday recognized in the United Methodist Church. Please give as you are able. Thank you in advance.*

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## STARTING TODAY: Discovering God's Vision for Your Life

This is a congregation-wide study on discovering and understanding your personal spiritual gifts, and discovery ways of using those gifts in ministry. The class starts TODAY, January 16, concludes the last Sunday in February, and runs from 12:30 to 1:45 pm each week with Presidents' Day weekend off.



Materials for the class are available NOW in the church office. The required workbook and assessment are \$16. (If you need financial assistance, please let me know!) The class is fully online, and is open to all who are interested, including your friends and family. If you aren't sure if this class is for you, you are strongly encouraged to sit in on the first class, or watch the recording. You will need the materials in order to be prepared for the second class, so don't delay.

We are working on a way for interested people to pick up the items needed to attend this class from home, please stay tuned to your email as well as next week's Messenger. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Michael.

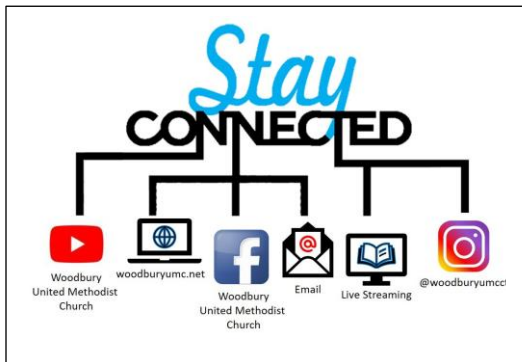
## Updates from CRT (Covid Response Team)

Reminder: COVID Safety Protocols

(last updated 01- 12- 22)

Given the lack of Covid tests and high infection rate in our community, plus many families with one or more members who have been sick. We are canceling in-person worship services **through the end of January at a minimum**. Each week, there will be an online meditation or worship service available for at-home worship posted on our web site and via social media.

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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

*Love Spoken Here!*

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