

Woodbury  
United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 6, 2022

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Love's in Need of Love Today* Stevie Wonder

GREETING Pastor J. Michael Cobb

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Read by Shannon Cobb

Great is the grace and glory of God.  
**We give thanks with hearts of joy.**  
Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.  
**We give thanks with hearts of hope.**  
Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.  
**We give thanks with hearts of faith.**  
Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.  
**We give thanks with hearts of love.**

\*OPENING HYMN #2130 (TFWS) *The Summons* (see insert)  
Hymns sung by Kate Keeler

## WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Shannon Cobb

**Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

**We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.**

**May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.**

**For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Read by: Shannon Cobb

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance

with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #344

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

SERMON

Rev. Cobb

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we worship our risen Savior, but we find ourselves weighed down by many things. We would prefer an easy faith, one that does not require us to identify the many ways that our thoughts, words, and actions have scorned Your love. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us when we choose to remain captive to fear and doubt. Remind us that Jesus gave His very life so that we might draw near to You. Deepen our faith, and enable us by Christ's resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again on our behalf, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord has blotted out all of our iniquity. In Christ and his cross, he has created within us a clean heart and renewed a right spirit within us. We are not cast away from his presence. We are endowed with his Holy Spirit, restored to the joy of God's salvation and given a willing spirit to do all that he asks and desires of us. For in Christ Jesus, the perfect suffered for the imperfect, the sinless became sin for the sinner; we are forgiven and freed to live in a right relationship with God. Brothers & Sisters, you are forgiven, indeed! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Divine Deliverer of compassion and care is calling us to serve, and to share our talents and treasures for the good of God's realm. No matter how we have fallen short in the past, God's grace assures us a variety of gifts to contribute. How is God calling us to share today?

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Eye Has Not Seen*

Marty Haugen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, Deliverer of compassion, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands. With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty. Forever shall we sing of your generous ways, Holy One. Amen.

## WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We recall the words and blessings of Jesus each time we unite at his table. We remember the gifts of Jesus the Christ each time we wake to a new day and step into his renewed future.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Through this table of bread and cup, we look toward the future with hope. We are reminded that our past lies behind us, that the grace of God has overcome our fears and our indiscretions. Through Christ's great love, we are no longer afraid of the future. Through Christ's gracious meal, we are provided a second chance.

On the night in which he gave himself for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Spirit of God bless the great table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God's grace in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the cup. May the Spirit of God encourage us to embrace our divine callings, as we all work to create God's realm here on earth. Amen.

**WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

CLOSING HYMN #629

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cobb

Fellow children of God: Go forth, recognizing God's grace on your journey. Go forth, discerning the Spirit's calling in your life. Go forth, identifying the Christ as your guide. In this season of light, experience the steadfast love of God and sing the ways of our merciful Creator. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in G minor*

JS Bach

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# The Summons

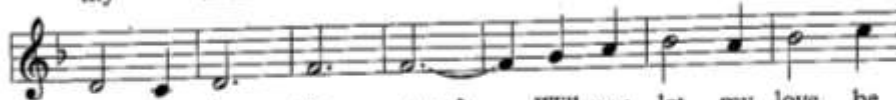
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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? — Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be  
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 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've  
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shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you  
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 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -  
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my  
 go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? —  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

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 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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## Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor*

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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 February 6, 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: *Shannon Cobb*, Liturgist, Communion Steward and Reader; *Kate Keeler*, Singer; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

**Altar flower** tribute this week is given by *Pastor J. Michael Cobb*, "to the glory of God and in gratitude for the hard work and dedication of the many, many people whose contributions made our worship so meaningful while we were online-only this past month."

**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.

### **A REMINDER ON FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:**

We have begun in-person worship today, Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and ordering flowers for the altar again. Please let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date. Currently we are open for February 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the office at (203) 263-4775 or email at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net). The floral chart will be placed in the Narthex for your convenience if you would like to select a date further into the year. REMEMBER: if you don't have an occasion, you can donate and we will be sure to deliver them to one of our homebound people during that week.

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### **FEBRUARY IS WOODBURY FOOD BANK MONTH**

February is our next opportunity to provide volunteers for the Woodbury Foodbank. Thank you to all the volunteers that will be covering the Friday shifts throughout the month. **Reminder – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month there will be a dedication of donated items that will be delivered to the Food Bank. Watch for your Messenger next week for an updated listing of any priority needs requested. As always, thank you!

*Rev. Paul Hibbard, Chair - Mission & Outreach Ministry Team*

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### **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation Class – 4-6:30 PM, Assembly Room  
**Tues., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** – Open Doors Ministry Team Meeting, 7:00 PM, Assembly Room  
**Thurs., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Trustee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Assembly Room

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### **COVID Response Team Update 31-January-2022**

We are delighted to welcome you back to in-person worship. Here is a reminder on how you can help protect your church family:

1. Pre-register for services at our website ([www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net)).
2. Upgrade your mask to a surgical mask. We encourage you to wear an N/KN 95 mask for increased protection. Both are available to anyone who needs one at check-in.
3. If you or a family member is ill, please stay home and enjoy our service at our website or directly on our YouTube channel
4. ([http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP\\_AEcw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP_AEcw)). You may access a decision support table at our webpage <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2Freopening> to help you determine when it is safe for you to return to in-person worship.
5. Maintain your distance from other family units after briefly greeting one another.





## WUMC Helping Hands Ministry



### Vision Statement:

Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn.



### Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects; Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor



### Nominal Constraints:

- Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days
- Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost
- Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule



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