

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 23, 2022

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3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

The Lord is My Hope

Patrick Loomis

GREETING

Rev. J. Michael Cobb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read by Bob Asman

There are many members in the body of Christ, but one body.

We are all one body in Christ.

Just as God arranged the human body, God has arranged the church to be members of the body of Christ.

We are all one body in Christ.

Therefore, we need each other to survive.

We are all one body in Christ.

We must care for one another; for, together, we are the body of Christ.

There are no big gifts and little gifts. My gift is no better than your gift.

No one is greater than another, for we are one in Jesus Christ.

God has placed gifted people among us to equip the saints and to build God's kingdom. We rejoice that we are one body in Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #578 (*UM Hymnal*)

God of Love and God of Power

(see pg. 4)

Hymns sung by Jeff Hunt and Carolyn Shay

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Read by Bob Asman

Spirit of the living God, we praise and adore you for empowering us to claim membership of the body of Christ, a gift received through the fullness of your grace. Empower us anew, we pray, with tongues of fire and hearts of love to proclaim the reconciling word among people. Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. May we, as the body of Christ in this place, be the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing to this as the year of the Lord's favor for all people. We give thanks that all of us are Christ's body, and rejoice in each one being a part of it. Accept our adoration and praise for these great gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Read by Bob Asman

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #2241 (TFWS) *The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve*

(see pg. 5)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cobb

Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you. Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly. Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence. Walk in God's paths and never stray. And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere; May you feed and care for those around you as Christ Jesus feeds and cares for you with his body and word; And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you and fill you with God's presence always.

*POSTLUDE

The Parable of the Unjust Judge
Luke, Nathaniel, and Owen Shay

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Musical Inserts:

God of Love and God of Power 578

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burn-ing hour
2. We are not the first to be ban-ished by our fears from thee;
3. All our lives be - long to thee, thou our fi - nal loy - al - ty;
4. God of love and God of power, make us wor-thy of this hour;

grace to ask these gifts of thee, dar - ing hearts and spir - its free.
give us cour - age, let us hear heav - en's trum - pets ring - ing clear.
slaves are we when - e'er we share that de - vo - tion an - y - where.
of - fer - ing lives if it's thy will, keep - ing free our spir - its still.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

WORDS: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939
MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

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As a Fire Is Meant for Burning 2237



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
 way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
 newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
 ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
 peo - ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
 ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
 heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

WORDS: Ruth Duck
 MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844
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BEACH SPRING
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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve 2241



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the



go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to
 gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

WORDS: Delores Dufner, OSB
 MUSIC: USA folk melody
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LAND OF REST
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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.

Week of January 23, 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: *Bob Asman*, Reader; *Jeff Hunt* and *Carolyn, Shay*, Singers; *Luke, Nathaniel* and *Owen Shay*, Dramatists; *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*

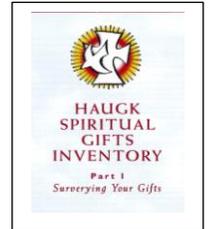
Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud, Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, and Matthew Shupenis*

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net 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.

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 started and concludes the last Sunday in February, and runs from 12:30 to 1:45 pm each week with Presidents' Day weekend off. You can still sign up if interested.

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. If you missed the first spiritual gifts class, you can view it online — the link is on the home page of our web site, with the other information about the class. If you would like to take this class, don't delay! There are assignments you will need to complete right away in order to be up to date, so contact Pastor Michael right away to get that material.

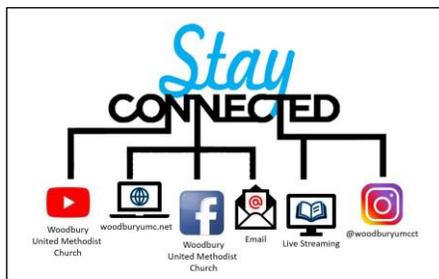
Updates from CRT (Covid Response Team)

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.

Note: A web site has been set up to make available COVID rapid tests from the federal government to every home in the country. The web site is Covidtests.gov and went live Tuesday. Based on prior experiences with local test availability, these may go quickly. If you are interested, you are encouraged to order yours right away. (This is being reiterated from an email that was sent out from Pastor Michael on Tuesday.)



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