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January 16, 2022 Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

Sunday School Classes—

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

New Study for Adult Sunday School The Adult Sunday School class has selected its next topic: John: The Gospel of Light and Life, by Adam Hamilton. This six-week study includes a video portion with Pastor Adam Hamilton providing his signature blend of insightful commentary, Biblical scholarship, and accessible language. This will not be a direct week-by-week mirror of the worship texts, but will provide a general overview of the fourth, and most unique, Gospel narrative in our Bible.

Human Relations Day Today is Human Relations Sunday. Your gifts to the Human Relations Day offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth through Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Look for the special offering envelope in today's worship bulletin.

Contribution statements 2021 Contribution statements are now available. You may pick up your statement from the table located in the back of the sanctuary. Any statements not picked up by January 23 will be mailed.

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John 2:13-25

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written, Passion for your house consumes me.

Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, many believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs that he did. But Jesus didn't trust himself to them because he knew all people. He didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature, for he knew what human nature was.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" -J. Dykes/ arr. C. Berry
Nancy Schwegler, piano

Greeting

Call to Worship (adapted Psalm 66:1-5)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name.

All: Give God glorious praise.

One: All the earth worships God; All of Creation sings praises to you.

All: Come and see what God has done.

*Hymn #168 UMH

"At the Name of Jesus" vs. 1 & 4

*Prayer of Confession

All: O God of Epiphany your light shines and the darkness shall not overcome it. Shine your light upon the darkened recesses of our spirit. Shine upon the places of bitterness and long-held grudges. Shine upon the places selfishness and deceit. Shine upon the places of self-doubt and self-loathing. Shine upon the doubtful and fearful places. Help us to enter your light of love and remember that the darkness shall not overcome it.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: In the name of Jesus, the light of the world, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #397 UMH

"I Need Thee Every Hour" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 2:13-25(CEB)

Sermon "Jesus Cleanses the Temple" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #605 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" vs. 1 & 3

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God of Epiphany and source of epiphanies, we thank you for your guidance along our path.

All: You call us over all tumult and struggle, and show us the way to life. We thank you for revealing to us your way and for inviting us to 'come and see' for ourselves. We thank you for all we have seen experienced in your love. We thank you for your blessings, grace, strength, and endurance. We respond in love and generosity, knowing that the best way to love you is to love one another.

(pause for silent reflection and thanksgiving)

One: We praise you Lord and thank you. We will make a joyful noise to God and sing the glory of God's name.

*Hymn #398

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" vs. 1 & 5

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - C.G. Glaser/ arr. J. Carter

* You are invited to stand as you are able. FWS -The Faith We Sing (black hymnal) UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal) Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License



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Who would you like to see this prayer?

- ☐ Pastor Only. Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- ☐ Prayer Chain. These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

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