

7th Sunday after the Epiphany – February 20th, 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 96:1-4)

Sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,

God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised! **Amen!**

Special Music

A Celebration of Singing (Molly Ijames)

Voices In Praise Chamber Choir, Directed by Holly Reynolds Lee

Opening Prayer (Unison; United Methodist Book of Worship)

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Lead with Love (Melanie DeMore)

Shout Glory (Byron Smith)

Voices In Praise Youth Choir

Moment for Ministry

West River Retreat Center, West River, Maryland

Rev. Jenna Johnson, Assistant Director

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Mike Wolf

Gracious and Merciful God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, and from despair into joy. Despite your good gifts to us, we long to break free. We choose independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting the grace that comes to us in right relationship with you. Forgive us, draw us close, embrace us once again in your loving arms and enable us to follow you in worship and in grateful service each day of our lives. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 103:8-12)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in *steadfast love*.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his *steadfast love* towards those who revere him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also with you. Amen.**

Hymn Response

Come Away with Me

TFWS 2202

Scripture Reading

Job

Sermon

“Why? Part 2”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Organ Music

Communion & The Lord’s Prayer

Special Music

Gift of Love (Hal Hopkins)

Hymn*

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

Benediction & Sending Forth



Continuing Prayers: Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, John Hieber, Carolyn Higgins, Libby Horn, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Pat Jones, Sandy Juchs, Tim Knabe, Linda Lemmon, Carol Lingelbach, Ted Lingelbach, Wayne Mason, Bruce Middlekauff, Sally Moen, Alice Paradise, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Corinne Smith, Ron Stearn, Deanna Stielper, & Paula Van Hart

Generosity is a Gift of the Spirit!

**It does not depend on what you have. It depends on who you are,
And what God is doing through you!**

Thank you for all of those who are returning your pledge cards. It helps us plan our Ministries & Missions, M&Ms, for the new year. If you need a 2022 pledge card, we have plenty of extra copies in the narthex. Our ushers should be able to assist you.

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Come Away with Me

Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace, to pray, to reflect, and seek God's grace. Come away with me. Come away.

Come and pray with me on a gentle sea, on top of a hill in the Galilee, in gardens like Gethsemane. Come away with me. Come away.

Come today with thoughts of the countless soul, the feelings and actions you can't control. Your spirit needs to be made whole. Come away with me. Come away.

Come and say, in words whispered from your soul, the feelings and actions you can't control. Your spirit needs to be made whole. Come away with me. Come away.

Come away with me to a quiet place, to God's loving arms waiting to embrace all those who come in hope of grace. Come away with me. Come away.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**