

PRELUDE, GATHERING, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 140
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 400

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *from FotW*

*Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
quicken our understanding
that we may receive the testimony of Scripture
and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10* Samantha German
*1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11***

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE *(alt) from FotW*

*In the light of Christ,
our waywardness is exposed.
Trusting in God's saving love,
let us confess our sin.*

**Almighty God, we confess that
we have been led astray by the idols of our world.
We have depended on our possessions
and have not placed our trust in your grace.
We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and
have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.
We have sought security in the might of the sword
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray.
Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

{silent prayers}

*Hear the good news:
Christ unmask the idols of our world
and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.*

**In Jesus Christ, we are freed and forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen**

CHOIR *Are Ye Able, Said the Master* 530

SERMON

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
INTERCESSIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BRINGING OUR GIFTS**

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER *FotW*

**Generous God, who turns water into wine
and scarcity into abundance,
we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts.
May these offerings be transformed,
just as you transform our lives with your grace.
Guide us to use these resources
to meet the needs we see around us,
to share your love, and to build your kingdom.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN *Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 550

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*God's grace is extravagant and abundant,
Know this grace in your life
Share this grace with others.
May God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
bless you this day and forevermore.*

Amen

POSTLUDE *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 519

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HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

The United Methodist Church celebrates Human Relations Day to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach through Community Developers Programs, United Methodist Voluntary Services Programs, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

It is celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This offering was originally established in 1972 to fund Self-Determination Projects, The Black Community Developers and the Police- Community Relations Program.

In 1988, the offering was designated to support ministries of social justice and outreach to at-risk youth. Specific ministries include the Community Developer's Program, United Methodist Voluntary Services Program and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. The fund is administered by the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society.

DID YOU KNOW?

57% of giving on Human Relations Day supports the Community Developer's Program?

Your gifts on Human Relations Day help train over 125,000 volunteers?

Your gifts on Human Relations Day help at-risk youth and youth offenders?

33% of giving on Human Relations Day supports the United Methodist Voluntary Services program?

HOW TO SUPPORT

- Giving through your local church
- Donating on line at donate.gcfa.org/hrd
- Sending a check in the mail to:

General Commission on Finance and Administration
P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203

Please include **Human Relations Day**
in the note section of your check.



January **19** 26, 2025

11:00 am

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year C – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany– January 19, 2025

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Psalms 36:5–10

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John 2:1–11

Questions for Reflection:

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Morning Prayers:

Enlivening God, each morning I am awakened
by your goodness nudging the earth to life.
I am filled with wonder.
Your steadfast love extends to the sky,
your constancy reaches to the clouds.
How precious is your steadfast love!
It shines like the dawn, and dews the desolation of my soul.
Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit
that I may rejoice in you
as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

As evening falls and darkness shuts the day,
do not forsake us, O God.
Crown the sky with jewels of light
that your salvation may burnish the heavens
and illumine the earth,
and all find refuge in the shadow of your wings.
Amen.

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