WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 16, 2022

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Duetto, J.S. Bach[1]

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.
People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.
Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.
People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

Jesus, Come, for We Invite You, Sicilian Mariners[2]

1 Jesus, come! for we invite you, Guest and Master, Friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone: though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

3 Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near by power divine; give your unexpected glory changing water into wine: rouse the faith of your disciples come, our first and greatest sign!

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give: let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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 (*continue with individual confession...***) Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 583** *Glory to God,* Taize Ecumenical Community[3]

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (There is no children's time after the message this week.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had

drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON *On Wine and Weddings*

***HYMN 308** *O God in Whom All Life Begins,* Noel[4]

1 O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit, bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root. Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace; deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

2 Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts. So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care; so bind us in community that we may risk and dare. Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray; then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

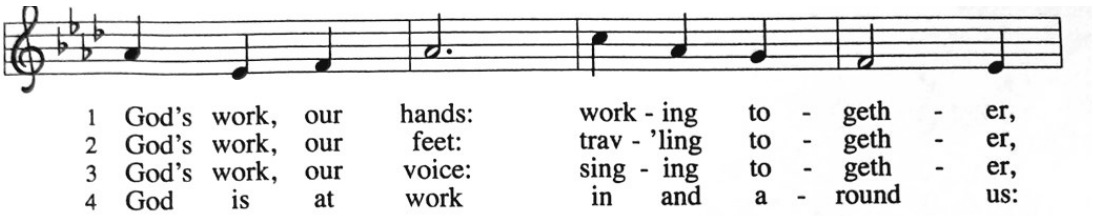
PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 467 *Give Us Light*, Jyothi Dho[5]

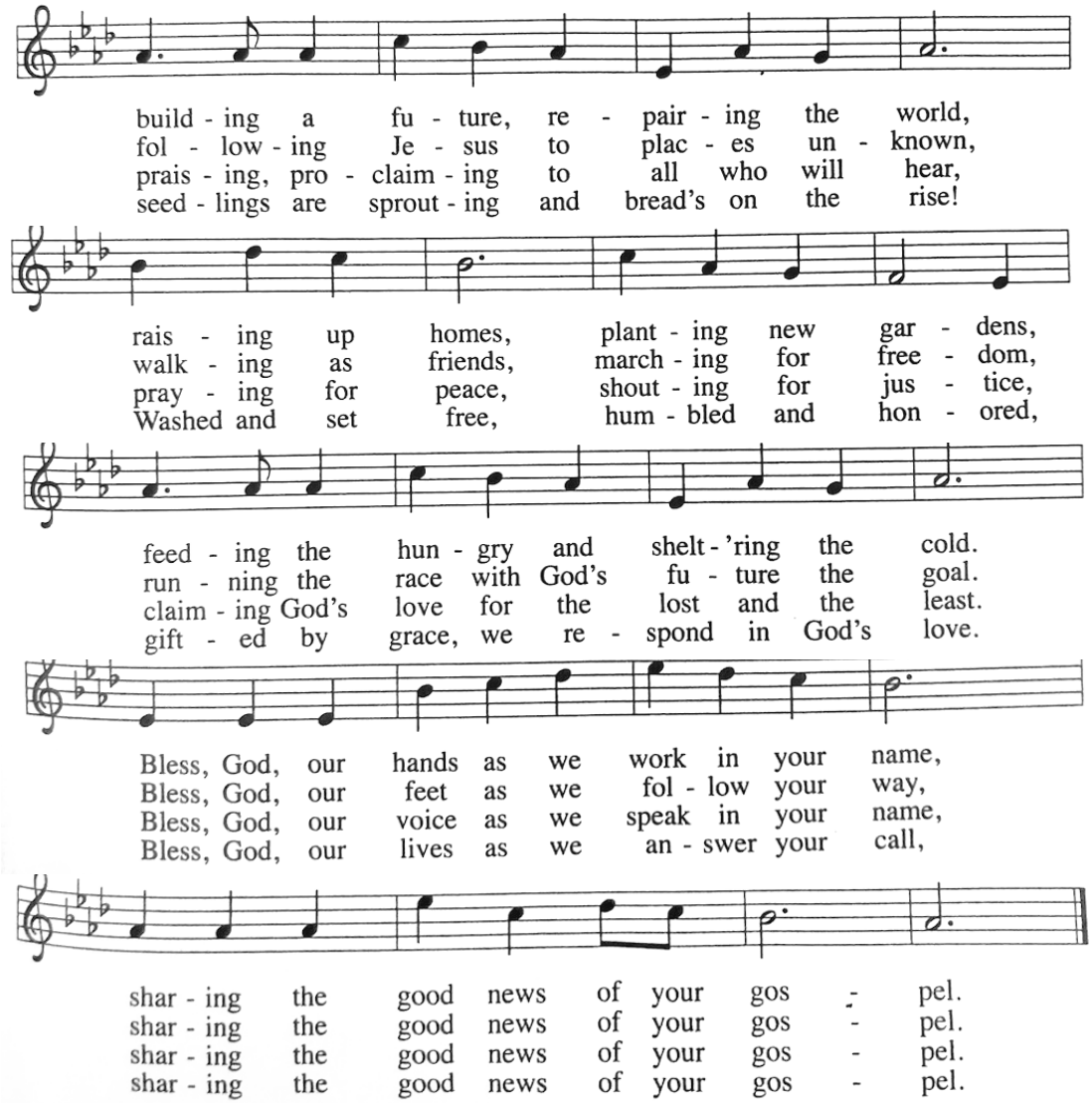
Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN** *God's Work, Our Hands,* Earth and All Stars[6]





CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Earth and Stars,* arr. M. Burkhardt[7]

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 16

Worship Update

The Session met on Jan. 12 to consider the format of Sunday worship and small groups in light of the recent Covid surge and recommendations by the WCC. After discussion and consideration, the following guidelines were adopted:

- Sunday in-person worship will continue to be offered for those who wish to participate.
- Social distancing will be observed with seating to be limited to every other pew. The congregation will be masked.
- Worship leaders will use N95/KN95/KF94 masks. The church will provide these for worship leaders if needed.
- Coffee fellowship will be suspended for the duration.
- Those who are unvaccinated or have been exposed to Covid, we strongly encourage worshiping online. Those experiencing symptoms should worship online.
- All small group gatherings, including Sunday Bible study, will be conducted online only for the next 5 weeks.
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Given the changing conditions regarding the virus's spread and impact, the Session expects to meet in 5 weeks (the week of Feb. 14) to review the policy in response to the circumstances at that time.

Congregational Meeting January 30

Mark your calendars! January 30 will be our annual Congregational meeting taking place via Zoom at 11:15am. A link will be sent out that morning.

Intergenerational Yoga Guided Meditation (moving to virtual!)
Join Nansi Colley on **January 23rd at 11:15** am via zoom for yoga guided relaxation. Come dissolve your tensions and quiet your mind with yoga guided relaxation. The link will be sent that morning.

Nansi is Professor Emerita at UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, and a Certified Svaroopa® Yoga and Meditation Teacher. This yoga program will use a combination of guided awareness and relaxation techniques as well as breathing practices that soften tensions and quiet your mind. You will experience a reliable, profound relaxation and a much needed respite from life's activities. You will release muscular tensions at the deepest levels, providing inner healing, as well as a calm, peaceful and focused mind. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a blanket or beach towel. No experience needed. Participants will be seated or lying on the floor with legs up on the chair. This is appropriate for all ages and abilities!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...
Care List (rotating weekly): Jack Browning, Sam Buffat, Sandy Butler, Lynn Chapman

Members & Friends: Kelly McCann, Sue Dornfeld's granddaughter Nikki, Cindy Strategos (sister of Sandy Nuernberg) on the loss of her husband - Steve, Dave & Kathy Granquist's daughter Sharon