

Hopewell UMC
February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Instrumental Music

Welcome

Pastor Wendy

Announcements

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Call to Worship

Kim C

(Jann C. Weaver, USA, 20th Cent, *The UMC Book of Worship 2000, Greeting #453*)

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning,

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

Opening Hymn

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

Opening Prayer

Kim C

(Adapted, *The Book of Worship 1965*, alt found in *The UMC Book of Worship 2000, Opening Prayers #460*)

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the world into this time of worship. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Music

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Moment

Ron D

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH 474

Congregational Prayer

Kim C

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV)

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

²⁹ As soon as they^[a] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they

told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon *"Discipleship: Finding Our Praying Ground"*

Hymn **Take Time to Be Holy** **UMH 395**

Invitation to Holy Communion **Pastor Wendy**

(adapted, Holy Communion Liturgy for February 7, 2021, written by Maren C. Tirabassi,

<https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2021/01/29/strongholy-communion-liturgy-for-february-7-2021/>)

Confession & Pardon

Prayer of Consecration & Lord's Prayer

...Together, we pray the prayer that you taught us...

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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

...Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the bread of heaven.

We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

...Let us with our many needs and many blessings, receive the gift of God, the cup of salvation.

We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of Christ, we give thanks for this gift of grace. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing or hope, and let us become your compassionate spoon, your safe refuge. May we be lifted up to serve you and all your children in the world. Amen

Spoken Benediction

Musical Benediction **“Go Now in Peace”**

As our time of worship together ends, our praise for God continues and our worship through witness and service in the world begins.

PRAYERS

For healing that is being experienced by persons for whom we are praying

For our worship team & our ability to worship together online

For the transformative power of God’s love and grace

For relationships that are restored

For signs of abundance and generosity that all around us

For frontline healthcare workers

For those that are grieving the loss of a loved one:

- Family of Letty H
- Family of Deb E

For all those in need of healing:

- Aaron
- Ronnie
- Vivian
- James (upcoming shoulder surgery 2/8)
- Ted (seizures/dementia)
- Debbie (liver cancer)
- Mark “Otis” (friends of Pastor Wendy & Ed)
- Tom
- Joanne & Charlie (Bertha’s niece and husband)
- Wilma (Ilene sister)
- Karen
- Mary Lou
- Wayne (covid)
- Crystal (stroke)
- Duke and Nora (Covid-19)
- Ron (hip pain)
- Kailey (Friend of Kyle and Kaitlynn; has been diagnosed with Stage 1 cancer; doctors are encouraged by her prognosis and treatment plan.) Please send cards to Kyle to share with Kailey.
- For John, recently received terminal diagnosis, and his family (Pastor Wendy)
- Unnamed persons with addictions
- Unnamed persons with physical and mental health issues

Unnamed persons needing spiritual healing

The poor, the marginalized, the unemployed, underemployed, and overworked
For a peaceful inauguration and transition of presidential power
For wisdom, compassion and a spirit of cooperation and unity for the world's leaders
For opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with our friends and neighbors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance: 66+ on-line views



Our District Leadership team is offering an online training featuring three nationally-known speakers to inspire and challenge us as we look beyond the current pandemic. There are two workshop tracks, one for small churches and one for medium-sized/larger churches. I hope that you will consider attending this online training event on **Saturday, February 13th**.

Note that the registration deadline is February 3rd and the training is open to anyone. Contact the District Office with any questions.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

FOOD PANTRIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Ron D. (jacketsguy@yahoo.com) if you can help

Groveport Food Pantry

Items Needed week of 2/7/21:; Canned Pears, Sloppy Joe Sauce; Hamburger Helper; Saltine Crackers; and Jiffy Muffin Mix (*Please avoid glass jars*).

Thank you to everyone that donates food and/or volunteers to help out. A special thank you to Ron for coordinating and distributing food donations to the pantries.

ANY TITHES, OFFERINGS, FOOD OR OUTREACH MISSION DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 BETWEEN 4:00-5:00 PM.

Ashville Food Pantry

Financial donations are being accepted for a new building. Please send donations to Ashville Food Pantry, 94 Long Street, Ashville, OH 43103. If you would like a brochure

detailing the building project, please send an email to HopewellUMCGroveport@gmail.com.

Upcoming Sermon Series

February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday – Mark 9:2-9
“Unveiled”