

**JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

Morning Worship 10:30

February 23, 2020

**ENTRANCE**

GREETING Rev. Katie O'Hern Hamilton

PRELUDE: "We Will Glorify" (T. Paris; arr. P. Bettcher) Handbell Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: Marilyn B

Leader - We are called together as God's people, gathered to worship God.

**People - Almighty God, transform us with your love.**

Leader - Transform our hearts, that we may love generously.

**People - Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.**

Leader - Transform our hands, that we may serve others.

**People - Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.**

\* HYMN, "Christ for the World We Sing" Hymnal 568

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison):

**Loving God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel.**

[All offer prayers of confession in silence]

Leader - In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People - In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

\* PASSING THE PEACE The Faith We Sing 2195

*"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!*

*Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices,  
the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near."*

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal 895

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

ANTHEM: "More Precious than Silver" (Lynn deShazo) Handbell Choir

FIRST READING: Romans 12:1-8 (p. 986)

CHILDREN'S TIME

\* HYMN, "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Hymnal 399

\* SECOND READING: Matthew 16:13-19 (p. 850)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Jess Winderweedle

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**THANKSGIVING**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Awesome God" (Rich Mullins) Handbell Choir

\* DOXOLOGY Hymnal 94

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison): **Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. Receive these gifts of our money, time, and talent. Help us use them in generous and creative ways to share your love with the world. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\* HYMN, "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Hymnal 454

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN Hymnal 898

POSTLUDE Stephen Pompa

**\* Please stand as you are able**

*Assisted listening devices and large print bulletins are available.*

**Today: February 23, 2020**

Wesleyan Class: Kathy K  
Coffee Fellowship: Susanna Circle 2  
Nursery: Sue B & Carol W  
Lay Reader: Marilyn B  
Ushers: Team 4  
Counters: Team 2

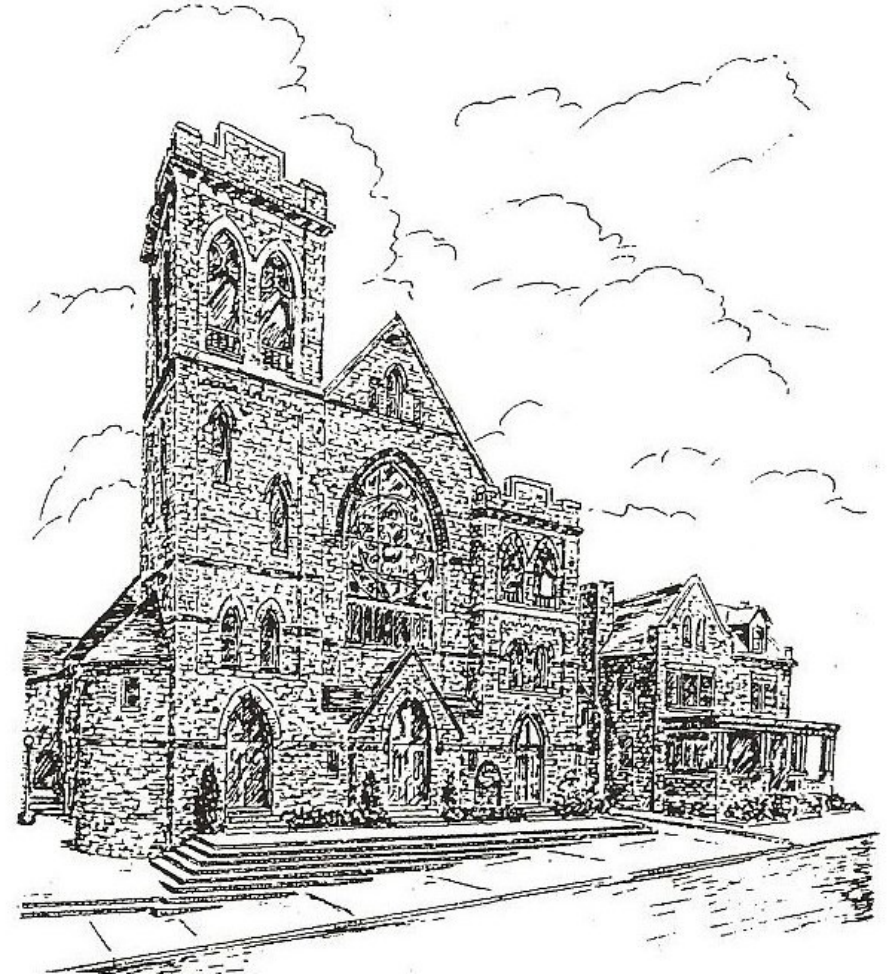
**Next Week: March 1, 2020**

Wesleyan Class: Greg H  
Coffee Fellowship: Volunteer Group 1  
Nursery: Marie T & Vangie O  
Lay Reader: Greg H  
Ushers: Team 4  
Counters: Team 3

**March Altar Guild :** Marilyn G (chair), Linda S, Ann C, Helen S

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Vibrant Worship, Christian Fellowship, Spiritual Growth,  
Loving Service, and the Sharing of God's Word.**