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***“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”***

***“Fill, Draw, Taste”***  
***Second Sunday after Epiphany***  
**January 19, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Worship Leaders:**  
**Pastor: Michael Small**  
**Preacher: Sue Grage**  
**Liturgist: Joanna Aamodt**  
**Special Music: Sabbastian Wilson Webb**  
**Greeter: Joanne Detwiler**  
**Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb**

**Tech:** Ace Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)  
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

## **PRELUDE**

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

† **HYMN**                    **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** (vss. 1, 2, 3)                    **#1**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Inspired by Psalm 36)*

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

**All: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**All: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

## **A TIME OF CENTERING**

*(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)*

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† For those who are able, please stand.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

**All: Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

*(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)*

## WORDS OF GRACE

One: Beloved, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

## † PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**Focus Scripture: John 2:1-11** *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible* (p. 2226). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

<sup>1</sup> Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

<sup>3</sup> At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

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<sup>5</sup> She instructed those waiting on tables, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup> As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. <sup>7</sup> “Fill those jars with water,” Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> “Now,” said Jesus, “draw some out and take it to the caterer.” They did as they were instructed.

<sup>9</sup> The caterer tasted the water—which had been turned into wine—without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over <sup>10</sup> and remarked, “People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you’ve done is to keep the best wine until now!”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

## REFLECTION

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Sue Grage

## HYMN

“As with Gladness Those of Old” (vss. 1, 2, 3)

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Unison, using debts*)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: Whatever gifts we bring may be transformed like water to the best wine. Trust God with what we have to offer. Our trust can sow miracles, reveal Jesus in the world, and magnify joy in our communities. Give with peace that the kingdom overflows with abundance and with hope that our collective efforts make the world new.

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

**DOXOLOGY:** (*as collection plates come forward*)

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

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**Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

One: Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good.  
Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to  
participate in your kingdom on earth. Amen.

† **HYMN**

**Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”**

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## **PARTING WORDS**

One: May you be filled by the presence of God  
May you draw from the wells of justice, peace, and righteousness  
May you taste the fruit of the Spirit  
As you make the way of Jesus your path in the world  
And you make the name of God known in word and deed.  
Go, in peace and power to love and serve God and neighbor.

## **POSTLUDE**

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***Fill, Draw, Taste: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany*** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

