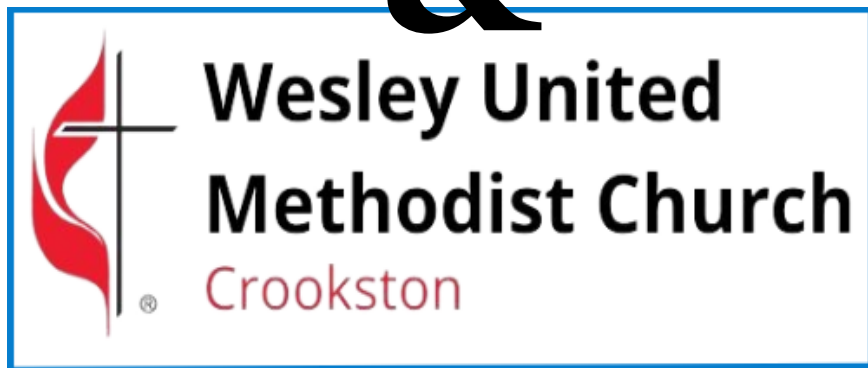


# Welcome To Worship

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February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 // 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

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**Welcome to the Collaborative Worship Service of  
First Presbyterian Church and Wesley United Methodist of  
Crookston, MN**

*\*Those who are able may stand*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO REST/MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION**

**GATHERING HYMN #301**

*“Let Us Build a House”*

**\*OPENING WORDS (Responsive)**

We gather here as the body of Christ

**God’s servants working together.**

God calls us to worship,

To hear the Good News

And sing our praise,

For we are the hands and feet of Jesus here and now.

**KYRIE**

*(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**CONFESSION OF NEED**

We invite you to anonymously write down on the paper provided, any place in your life where you need God’s help in following Jesus’ example. Then place it in the plate being

passed.

*Examples: Forgiving someone, generosity, wanting to pray, being judgmental, patience with myself, fear, releasing hurt, finding energy to care, etc.*

From your authentic and anonymous sharing, our prayer will be created and lifted up to God as part of worship.

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)  
Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)  
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**Kyrie Eleison**  
**Christe Eleison**  
**Kyrie Eleison**

### **DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Beloved, hear the good news:  
In our honesty, hope finds you.  
In our sharing, grace abounds.  
In the asking, God answers:  
“You are loved, I am with you now.”

**Alleluia! Thanks be to GOD!**

### **\*RESPONSE HYMN #458**

*“Thy Word”*

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God’s peace with each other.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**      **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

FIRST READING .....Deuteronomy 30:15-20

GOSPEL READING..... Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

*Divorce This*

*Pastor Michael Ozaki*

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION (*Singing Bowl*)

\*HYMN OF THE DAY #175

*“Seek Ye First”*

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“All That We Have”* (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

**BLESSINGS & CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #319

*“Shout to the North”*

\*SENDING (Responsive)

Our worship in the sanctuary has ended.

**Our service in the world begins!**

POSTLUDE