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

Sunday, January 29, 2023

We are so glad you are here! All are welcomed and celebrated here.
Please join us for coffee and treats in the dining hall after worship.

+Those who are able may stand



WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC **"Fanfare On To God Be The Glory"** Bells of Praise

+OPENING WORDS

Come and hear the good news. No matter what is happening in your life, God's blessing and love is with you. Come and hear what God wants you to do: to live lives of justice and love and truth. Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ, embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world. Come, be ready to listen, open to change and expecting to be blessed in these moments together.

+HYMN We Are Called **2172**

+BEATITUDE ACCLIMATION (Responsive) - Based on Matt. 5:6

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor.

People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away all tears.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

People: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

People: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

People: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

People: Glorious is our God who calls and equips us.

FIRST READING

Micah 6: 1-8

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1: 18-31

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 1-12

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Ruth Sanders

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION (*Singing Bowl*)

UNISON PRAYER OF NEED

God, help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be; people of justice and love and truth, and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CALLING

Friends, God has called us and blessed us. God loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

+HYMN Blest Are They **2155**

OFFERING REFLECTIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+HYMN The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve **2241**

+BENEDICTION

Go now in the outrageous power of the Holy Spirit to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Bring justice to your corner of the world and be a light to the nations.

+SENDING (Responsive)

Leader: Our worship in the sanctuary has ended.

People: Our service in the world begins!

POSTLUDE

Musician: MaryJane Kurpius-Brock

Lay-Reader: Barb Freberg

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Sun., February 5 (Collaborative Sunday School & Worship at FPC)

9:45 am **NEW** Adult Class – The Book of Acts
led by Matt Dearth (See insert)

9:45 am Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 6th Grade

10:45 am *Worship Service* - Preaching: Pastor Ruth Sanders

We will be worshipping together at First Presbyterian Church for the month of February – 510 North Broadway. All are welcome!

Welcome to

Wesley United Methodist Church



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