

### Upcoming Events and Information

<b>Tue./Thur.:</b>	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Bell Choir Practice	5:15pm
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
<b>Sundays:</b>	Combined Youth Group (MS & HS)	1:00-2:30pm

Tues. Feb. 7th Board of Trustees meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Coffee & donut host/hostess for Sunday, Feb. 12th are Youth Group

Ash Wednesday service on Wed. Feb. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. **February** collection: **toothpaste**. Also needed: **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- **Loose coins** for February: Grace Children's Hospital & Pediatric Clinic
- **Nursery** is provided for 10 am service.

#### *Worship Leaders today*

<b>Youth Director:</b>	Melissa Hurley
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Judy Bushman (Organist) Mary Nelmes (Handbell Choir Director)
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Jeff Cedro
<b>Nursery Supervisor:</b>	Carol Cravatta
<b>A/V Specialists:</b>	Logan Ayala and Joey Cordell

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Liturgists:</b>	Mary Downes	Amy Lopez
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lynn Majewski	Bill Parker
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Downes	Steve Lopez



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## WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE PARABLES OF JESUS

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church**  
**February 5, 2023**

**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**

*Verset*  
*Folk Song*

by Stanley P. Trusselle  
by Gilbert M. Martin

**INTROIT**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

by Lanny Wolfe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAISE: (Psalm 36)**

God's love is higher than the sky.

**God's faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.**

God's righteousness is stronger than the mountains.

**God's justice is deeper than the seas.**

In God's love we are safe.

**In God we find life and light.**

**† OPENING HYMN**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH #154 (vs 1,2)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MORNING 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**† RESPONSE**

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)**

**HYMN**

"Bind Us Together, Lord"

TFWS #2226

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 5: 27-32

This is the Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

"Jesus' Meals"

**THANKSGIVING**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#15

**RESPONSE**

**OFFERTORY**

**† DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

**† PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of abundance, you have poured out your gifts upon our community, giving us what we need to work for your justice and peace. In gratitude and joy for these gifts, we offer you the gifts of our living. We offer the gift of our money for your transforming work in the world. We offer the gift of our lives for the healing of all people. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**† CLOSING HYMN**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH #664 (vs 2)

**† BENEDICTION**

**† RECESSIONAL**

"More Like You"

TFWS #2167 (first half)

**POSTLUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

by Ludwig van Beethoven

**† Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.**

***Bold print indicates in unison***



The flowers on the altar are in memory of  
*Catherine Juanita Smith*  
from Renee Duncan

