

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 16 January 2022
Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:1/18-1/25)

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

Greeting: John the Baptist declared in John 1:
*Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!"*
Thanks be to God!

*Praise Choruses: 2243 "We All Are One in Mission "
2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love"

Poem: "***How can we?***"

How can we break bread?
and not remember those who have no bread?
How can we meet together?
**and not remember those separated
from their families and friends?**
How can we shelter here?
**and not remember those whose only shelter
is a refugee camp or a cardboard box?**
How can we speak of peace
**and not remember those whose peace is shattered
by constant fear and the rattle of guns?**
How can we sing our hymns
**and not remember those who cannot openly express
their religious beliefs?**
How can we offer our gifts
**and not remember those who are caught
in the never-ending cycle of poverty and debt?**

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How can we pour wine
**and not remember those who are imprisoned
by addiction to bottle, needles, or pills?**
How can we celebrate
**and not remember those who suffer from depression,
mental illness, or grief?**

God of human experience, born in a stable in Bethlehem,
Spirit alive in us today,
**In our breaking of bread and pouring of wine,
may we look outwards to the suffering of our world,
remembering the hope of your shalom. Amen.**

*(C) Claire McBeath and Tim Presswood (From Crumbs of
Hope: Prayers from the City Inspire MPH /,
Peterborough UK 2006)*

*Opening Hymn: 519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalter: 771 Psalm 36:5-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Hymn of Preparation: 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11

Sermon: "*How do they do it?*"

*Affirmation of Faith: 886 "The World Methodist Social
Affirmation"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

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*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer
ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**:

Let us pray in Christian unity. O God,
**You love justice and establish peace on earth.
We bring before you the disunity of today's world;
the absurd violence, and the many wars,
which are breaking the courage
of the people of the world:
militarism and pollution, which threaten life
on the planet;
human greed and injustice, which breed
hatred and strife.**

For what else shall we pray? (*prayers welcomed*)

Send Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth;

Teach us to be compassionate
towards the whole human family;

**Strengthen the will of all those
who fight for justice and for peace;
lead all nations into the path of peace,
and give us that peace which the world cannot give.
We offer ourselves and our gifts in the name
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen. (*World Council of Churches Textes liturgiques:*

*Louons Dieu et celebrons la vie (C) Masamba ma et Mengi
Kilandamoko, Zaire, 1988, alt.)*

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*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 111 "How Can We Name a Love"

*Blessing: 106 "God Is Able"

***Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

***Resources from the website of the World Council of Churches,
used 15 January 2008 at the meeting of the Northeast Ministerium,
held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Harford Rd)*