

Astoria First United Methodist Church
January 16, 2022

Second Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP
*(*please stand if you are able)*

GATHERING MUSIC		Kristin Hammond
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lorel Bresko
WORDS OF WELCOME <i>(CONGREGATION & ZOOM PARTICIPANTS)</i>		Pastor Michael
CENTERING MUSIC	<i>“Tell the Nations”</i>	Kristin Hammond
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(If you are able, please stand)</i>	Lorel Bresko
L: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.		
P: But there is only one Spirit.		
L: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.		
P: But it is the same Lord we all serve.		
L: There are many activities we can do to serve God:		
teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work.		
P: But all these are activated by God.		
L: There are many manifestations of God's		
Spirit in the world.		
P: It is impossible to list them all.		
L: To say that one is better than another is foolish.		
P: God gives to each as God chooses.		
ALL: Thanks be to God!		
*OPENING HYMN	<i>(Verses 1-4)</i> <i>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</i>	Congregation UMH#103
*OPENING PRAYER		Pastor Michael

OT SCRIPTURE READING *“Isaiah 62:1-5”* **Lorel Bresko**
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her
righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall
see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that
the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and

a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Kristin Hammond

PSALTER READING

“Psalm 36:5-16”

Lorel Bresko

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of humanity take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor Michael

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lorel Bresko

Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Michael

God’s enduring, unconditional and unwavering love shines as a fountain of light, transforming our lives with goodness and grace. God does this as easily as Christ turned water into wine. Our God can transform our lives through the power of God's ever accessible love and forgiveness. In the strong Name of Jesus, You are forgiven. In the merciful Name of Jesus we are all forgiven.

AMEN

EPISTLE READING

“I Corinthians 12:1-11”

Lorel Bresko

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says, “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Michael

***DOXOLOGY**

**Congregation
UMH#95**

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lorel Bresko

Christ of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray.

AMEN

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

(Verses 1-5)

“The Church's One Foundation”

**Congregation
UMH#545**

GOSPEL LESSON

“John 2:1-11”

Pastor Michael

SERMON

Pastor Michael

“I Have Come to Make All Things New, Beyond More Than We Ask or Think”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Michael

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Michael

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom (kin-dom) 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, (kin-dom), the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

***CLOSING HYMN**

(verses 1-3)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(You are invited read (or hum) along as the piano plays if you wish)

**Congregation
UMH#400**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Michael

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**