

# Church of the Apostles UCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – January 19, 2025 10 AM In-Person & Online Worship

# Welcome!

"No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!" More than words, we are all here because of God's love, grace, and mercy. This is a community united by the honesty of our shared brokenness and the healing we receive through Christ.

**Get Connected**: Use a Welcome Card to share your presence and prayer requests with us. To get more connected, signup online for the "Weekly Announcements" and "Crown Newsletter," like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, give us a call, or send an email. It is our joy to know you!

**Children:** There are toys and activity bags for children in the Children's Corner for use as children are always welcome to remain in worship. Our Faith Formation class for children ages 3–2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be meeting in Rm 306 following the Children's Time in worship. Our "Rooted" class for youth in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> does not meet today.

**Connection Cards:** We ask that all worshippers complete a "Connection Card" located in the pew rack near you. This allows us to know who was with us. They can also be used to give prayer requests or suggestions. These may be placed in the offering plates which will be passed following the sermon.

**First-Time Guests:** After worship, please visit our Welcome Center, where a congregation member will be available to answer your questions and provide a packet of information about our church.

This is also where you'll receive a connection card to fill out, helping us stay connected with you!

**Offerings:** Any physical offerings you have brought can be placed in the offering plates which we will pass following the sermon. Electronic gifts may be given through the QR code on the bulletin or the one on a slip in the pew rack. Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give.

**Restrooms**: Are available in the hallway to your left when you exit the sanctuary.

**Electronic Devices:** Remember to silence your device during worship. Wi-Fi is provided through "VisitorWifi." No password is needed.

You are a blessing: Let us know how we might better partner with you in this journey of faith and life. If you have thoughts, recommendations, or simply would like to join in prayer, we would love to hear from you!

### **Selected Scripture Readings**

John 2:1-11

### **Worship Leaders**

Minister – All Members Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn Reader – Betty Reiff Ushers – Michele and Jim Wherley Greeter – Jean Heidig Director of Music – Lars Potteiger Instrumentalist – Nathan Sheffer Drums – Nathan Moore Bass – Charli Schultz Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker, and the Apostles Adult Choir Streaming – Jaben Jury Sound – Bill Stock Projection – Benja Stoltzfus

## **Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship**

In Loving Memory of Candy Cunningham by Dick Cunningham

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**Order of Worship** 

"Fill Our House with Hope"

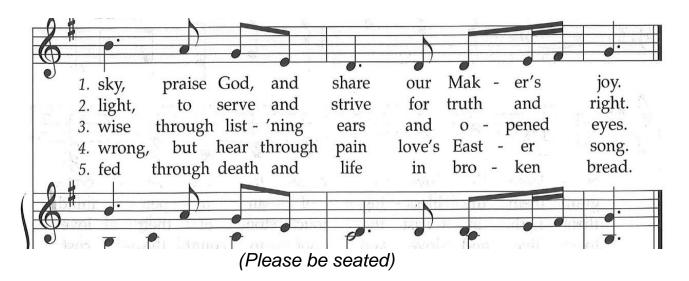
We Gather in Your Presence Welcome Gathering Music: "God of Wonders" - Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

#### A Call to Plenty

#### Prayer

All: God of Abundance, we come to you today, lifting to you our emptiness, our longing, our hopes for a better world. In the midst of our fear, remind us of your transforming and overflowing love and the jars of plenty, out of which we can live abundantly in service to all people, especially those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit. Amen





Prayer of Confession

All: In this world of striving, we feel the yearn to earn. The world measures our worth in those earnings. But Jesus had different ideas. Where they perceived that things had run out and dripped dry, he saw the possibility for transformation. When we feel our own resources are lacking, we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus. (*Time of silent reflection*) Leader: Amen

### We Listen for Your Word

### Children's Time – Blanket Blessing

Song: "Fill My Cup" – Ripp/Hulse/Cockrell Verse 1 Been walkin' to a city I cannot see Through the depths of the valley Where the sun can't reach I've been high I've been low I've been looking for the river That could fill my soul Been walkin' to a city I cannot see Chorus Fill my cup Lord Run it over Give me love give me joy Give me peace

Fill my cup Lord Run it over I am Your child in need Lord I need You to fill my cup Interlude Fill my cup - Fill my cup Fill my cup - Fill my cup Verse 2 Been walkin' over lies standin' in my way They can say what they want I don't want what they say I was born far from home But I've been thriving In the wonder of the great unknown 'Cause I'm drinking from a well from another place Bridge Fill my house up with hope Fill my plans up with purpose Fill my wounds up with healing Lord I need You to fill my cup Fill my days up with meaning Fill my future with vision Goodness grace and provision Lord I need You to fill my cup Verse 3 And when I get to that city I cannot see I'll know that even This valley was a golden stream

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT p.93) Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Contemporary Words: "The Economy of Jesus"

### We Respond to Your Word

Invitation to the Offering

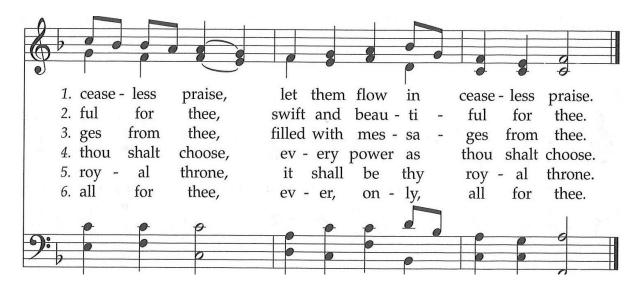
Special Music: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" - Holstein/Temple

#### Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer

(Believing in God's truth, we open ourselves as God's servants through prayer.)

All: 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.





**Benediction** 

All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sending Music: "Prelude in C" – Massenet

Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless following Jesus' example!

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## **Give Online Through Realm**



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### Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 1/15/2025)

Joys: Samantha, Oliver and Cecily Hull on a safe trip to Finland.

Concerns: Family & Friends of Joyce Smedley; Jen Eaton's friend, Desiree; Judy Ruppert; Pat Hess' Sister, Sue Schenke; Lee Walp; Those Affected by the Wildfires in California.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

## **APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**RESPONDING TO THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES –** Devastating wildfires in California have claimed lives, destroyed homes, and displaced thousands. Church of the Apostles is supporting recovery efforts through the UCC Disaster Relief Fund. You can help by donating through offering envelopes, Realm, or Vanco. Scan the QR code below to donate directly through Vanco. Together, we can make a difference for those in need.

**RIZZETTA'S TONES CONCERT TODAY –** Don't miss Rizzetta's Tones live in concert on January 19th, 2025 AT 3 PM. This Celtic Americana band features a diverse range of instruments and vocals, offering a unique blend of traditional and original music from Ireland, Scotland, and the USA. Enjoy an exciting journey of instrumental and vocal experiences. This free concert is generously provided by the Apostles Academy of Arts & Science, with a free-will offering in lieu of tickets.

**MOCKTAILS MOVIE SCREENING –** Join us for a special Mocktails & Meaning session on Saturday, January 25th, 2025, starting at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We'll be hosting a free screening of the documentary *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*. This thought-provoking film follows researchers uncovering the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians, tracing it back to a mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. With never-before-seen archives from Yale University and insights from scholars and pastors, the documentary offers an enlightening and inspiring exploration of faith, inclusion, and the power of interpretation.

After the movie, enjoy light refreshments, including soup, and participate in a discussion about the film's impact and themes. Our featured mocktail for the evening will be a refreshing Grapefruit Lime Spritzer. Children are welcome, with toys and snacks available to keep them entertained during the screening.



Please register to attend this meaningful event by scanning the QR Code to the right. We hope to see you there!

POWER INTERFAITH LOVE THROUGH RESISTANCE – Join POWER Interfaith on

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 PM in Fellowship Hall at Church of the Apostles UCC for an evening of justice, courage, and community. Together, we'll share dinner, engage in round-table discussions, and collaborate on ways to care for our Lancaster County neighbors through bold acts of love and justice. Your voice and perspectives are essential to this conversation, so don't miss this opportunity to connect and contribute. Register today by scanning the QR Code to the right. Let's come together and build a future grounded in moral courage and meaningful action!



WINTER REFLECTIONS RETREAT – Join Rev. Kathryn Kuhn for a time of reflection and renewal on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Youth Center (1899 Apostles Way). One month into the new year, let's pause to explore how we see God at work in the world, reflect on our trust in Him, and consider what strengthens that trust. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity for thoughtful discussion and spiritual connection! Register and save your spot, scan the QR Code to the left!