

WILLAPA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

All are invited to stand as able for items marked with an *. Songs are in the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and/or The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

GATHERING TIME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

***OPENING SONG** Praise to the Lord the Almighty UMH 139

***CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER**

We come, those who seek to trust in God.

We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

We would not worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.

We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

You who chooses grace over grudges,
who provides rather than withholding,
who creates community with us
rather than standing isolated from us...

You, God, are our heart's desire.

You, who delights in those who resist you,
who cradles the fists of hatred in your scarred hands,
who does good to those who do evil...

You, Jesus, are our brother, our teacher and Servant.

You, who blows death's dust off our shoulders,
who fills our empty souls with resurrection life,
who whispers words of peace into hearts full of anger.

You, Holy Spirit, are the Breath of wonder alive in us.

Over and over we are told how simple life with God can be: trust, do good to others, take delight in the wonders God provides for us. But we have trouble truly living such a life. Forgive us, Holy One, as we continue to grow and learn in Your Word and love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE SONG** Now Thank We All Our God UMH 102

FOR ALL CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

READING THE WORD

Luke 6:27-38

This is the Word of God spoken.

Thanks Be to God!

Pew Bible
NT 60

MESSAGE What Rule?

***RESPONSIVE SONG** The Gift of Love UMH 408

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: We Are God's

We are God's. We belong to The One who creates all things, in whose image all people are made. We are Christ's. He has loved us, healed us, called us and anointed us with his Spirit. We belong to his death and resurrection and ministry. We are the Spirit's. We belong to the church, the Body of Christ. God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of the world by God's grace. As God's beloved, we devote ourselves to God and to God's will, wholly, joyfully and with the help of Christ. Amen.

SHARING AND PRAYER

GIVING UMH 528

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

***CLOSING SONG** Freely, Freely UMH 3

***SENDING FORTH**

**Thank you, God, for each person who by their presence, gifts and
graces bring our worship and fellowship to life!**

There is one atmosphere on this planet,
one air that we all breathe.
It is in me and you and our neighbor and the stranger,
in the saint and the terrorist.
It is the whoosh of the whale's breath
and the little puffs of cloud of the song of the wolf.
It is the breath of God.
You may take it into yourself
but it is part of the One Breath
we all share.
There is one life in us all.
In the one Spirit we are all fingers of the same hand.
The love that gives us life is the love that joins us to each other.
There is no other life.
There is no other wholeness.
When you love your neighbor,
when you love your enemy,
you return to your own,
you enter your wholeness.
There is only One Breath.
Return to it and be made whole again.

"One Breath" by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

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Welcome to Willapa



We are blessed because you came!

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