

Announcements

Pardon our dust! — Repairs and painting continues around the altar area of the church. Work should be completed by next Sunday.

Meet our new Bishop February 3rd! — Bishop Dan Schwerin will visit the North East District at Appleton: First UMC on Monday, February 3 for a time apart of Bible study and inspiration. Laity are invited 6:30-8:00pm; registration opens at 6:00pm. Don't miss this chance to meet and be inspired by our new bishop!

Wednesday night meal—Join us again on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship during Dinner Church. All are welcome; invite a friend!

Give to UMCOR to Support California Fire Relief—Checks can be made to Emmanuel with UMCOR in the memo line. Gifts can be made online at umcmission.org. Please see the insert for other ways you can make a gift to support relief efforts directly.

Used Puzzle and Book Sale at St. James February 15th—Our neighbors at St. James are having a Used Puzzle and Book Sale on Saturday, February 15th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations of these items are welcome at their church Stop by to see our neighbors and find a fun way to keep warm!

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! Julian was a part of WCDA Middle Level All-State Choir
- ♥ Joy! Shiela's friend Liz is cancer free
- ♥ For Ryan and his family, following the death of his mother
- ♥ For the family of Vida's friend Barb who passed away last Friday
- ♥ For the family of Mark Rainwater, a friend in Florida, who passed away on Wednesday
- ♥ Healing for Rena's sister-in-law Betty who had a stroke
- ♥ For Anna who is headed to Milwaukee Children's Hospital for a possible bowel obstruction
- ♥ For the students who lost their dorm at Michigan Tech
- ♥ For all those effected by the fires in Los Angeles

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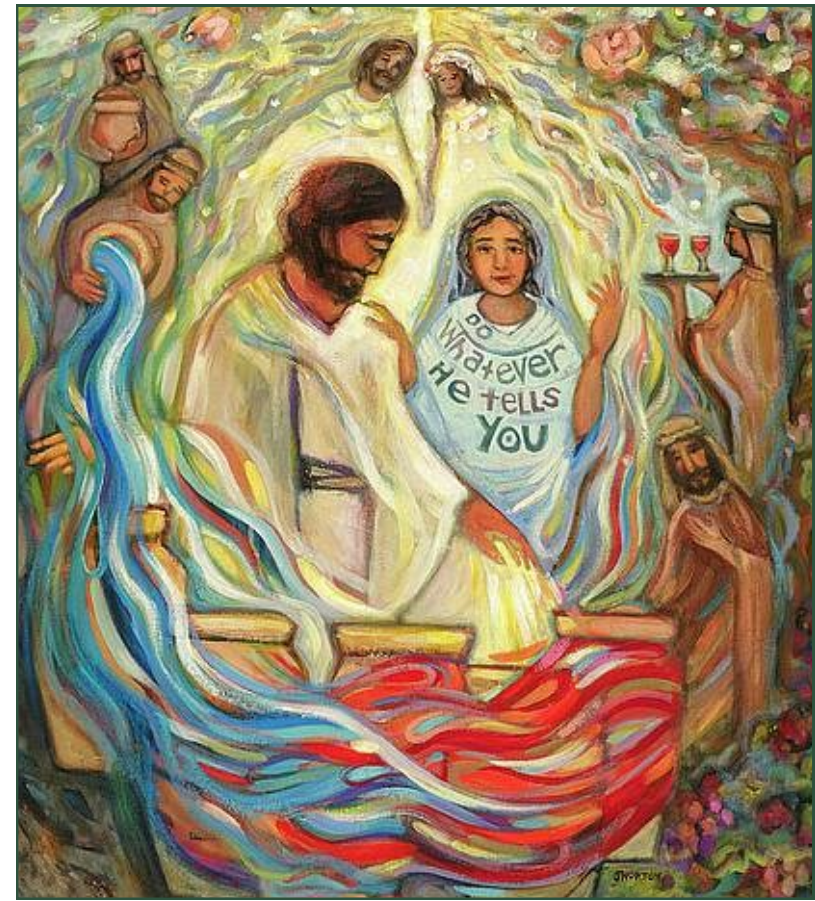
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What Concern Is This?

John 2:1-11

January 19, 2025

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Call to Worship

Be still for a moment.

What do you hear?

What do you smell?

What do you feel under your feet?

Beloved, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a moment to look around.

Whom do you notice?

Who isn't here that you expected to see?

Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a deep breath.

We share this air, this space, this worship home together.

In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

God is here.

May we pay attention and discern

how God brings us together

in the familiar and the unfamiliar

to be and become the Body of Christ.

**May we notice and join in God's work of forming us
for community as we worship today.**

Hymn – Holy God We Praise Thy Name — RED 79

Opening Prayer — ALL

**As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee,
be with us here today.**

The wine of our lives and souls has run out.

Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit.

Fill the water pots of our souls this day

with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar.

The wine of yesterday is gone;

it is stale; it is old.

Today, God, send your anointing power

in this place and in the lives of your people

that we may find strength to hold on and hold out.

Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come,

and we can taste and see your goodness.

Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day

and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message— PASTOR BEN

Offering

Doxology— RED 95

Scripture — John 2:1-11

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — What Concern Is This? — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — People Need the Lord— CHOIR

Concerns and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and 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

Hymn— As a Fire Is Meant for Burning — BLACK 2237

Benediction

Postlude