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**Welcome to the Collaborative Worship Service of  
Wesley United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches  
of Crookston, MN**

***Sunday, January 15, 2023***

**GATHERING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

We are so glad you are here! All are welcomed and celebrated here.  
Please join us for coffee and treats in the dining hall after worship.

***+Those who are able may stand***

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** *Based on Isaiah 49 - The Msg.*

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

**People: God has called each of us before we were even born.**

Leader: It was God who named us.

**People: It is God who claims us.**

Leader: The light of God's love shines in us.

**People: Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

**+HYMN** Shine Jesus Shine **2173**

**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are often more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)**

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us and strengthens us; and through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness, grace, and mercy. We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

SECOND READING I Corinthians 1: 1-9

**+GOSPEL READING** John 1: 29-42

This is the word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Pastor Mike Ozaki

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION (*Singing Bowl*)

**+HYMN** The Summons **2130**

**OFFERING: *We take a moment to reflect on the gifts of God and in gratitude we contemplate our part in giving back. There is an offering plate(s) for your tithes and offerings at the back of the sanctuary when you leave – Thank you for your gifts of love!***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+HYMN                      Let There Be Peace on Earth                      431

+BENEDICTION

Go in the power of the One who strengthens us for the work to which we are called; and as disciples of Jesus, go with grace to shine God's love and peace into all the world. Amen.

+SENDING (Responsive)

Leader: Our worship in the sanctuary has ended.

**People: Our service in the world begins!**

Leader: Go in peace.

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Musician:            MaryJane Kurpius-Brock

Lay-Reader:        Barb Freeberg

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**Contact Pastor Ruth if you'd like a visit or stop by and see her.**

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**Sun., January 22, 2022**

10 am            **Sunday School for ages Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.**  
Please contact Katy Chapman (218-280-2920) for more information or to volunteer for teaching/helping/snacks.

10:45 am    *Worship Service - Preaching: Rev. Char Rachuy-Cox who will preach and share information on the Nourishing Vocation Project.*

Welcome to  
*Wesley United Methodist Church*

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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

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