



Christ-Centered. Engaged in Community.
Sharing God's Love.
Worship for January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude *Gentle Shepherd* arr. J. Innes
Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship*

Rev. Tad Grover
**Rise in body or in spirit*

We live in a world of seeming scarcity, O God.

We are told that there is only so much to go around.

Our response to that is too often to hold tightly to ours.

We are sometimes afraid of running out.

Yet you are a God of abundance.

There is no limit to you or what you can do.

Help us, O God, to live into your abundance.

Help us, O God, to share with others and invite them into your abundance.

Opening Hymn* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH #103

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 36:5-10 Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Children's Moments Rev. Dom Short Mejia

After the conclusion of Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.

Nursery care for ages 0-3 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see an usher for assistance.

Special Music *I Will Lift My Eyes* Norman/Ingram
Jarod Ogier, Emily Campbell, Tim Byrer, Emily Stuart (CCL# 4793171)
Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer Rev. Tad Grover
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Offertory Music	<i>Many Gifts, One Spirit</i>	Allen Pote
	Chancel Choir with Narmina Aliyeva, piano	
Doxology*	<i>Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
Offertory Prayer		
<p>Gracious God, we thank you for the many gifts you bestow upon us, and for the encouragement to use those gifts. We ask your special blessing now upon these gifts that we offer back into your service. We pray that these tithes and offerings will spread throughout the world and help to establish your kingdom. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.</p>		
Gospel Reading*	John 2:1-11	Rev. Tad Grover
Sermon	“Abundance”	Rev. Tad Grover
Closing Hymn*	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH #140
Benediction*		Rev. Tad Grover
<p>May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.</p>		
Postlude	<i>Fantasia in C Major</i> Narmina Aliyeva	G. Handel

Greeters: Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George

Ushers: Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rob Kidder, Barb McCarthy, Sherry McGoron, Linda Meyers

Audio & Visual Team: Brian Wingerter, Jessica Sapp, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Eric Hess, Craig Kramer

Worthington UMC Staff

Pastoral: Rev. Tad Grover, Rev. Dominic Short Mejia, Ashley Gerard

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Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given in remembrance or celebration. Please visit the sign up beside the round table and sign up for Altar Flowers for 2025.

Livestreamed Service: The 10:00am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9:00am • REC Class (Library) 9:00am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10:00am • Jubilee Ringers (Fellowship Hall) 11:30am • Sunday Serve (Dixon) 11:30am • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm

Weekly Offering (electronically): Scan the QR code or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>



Welcome Rev. Tad Grover: Rev. Tad Grover will be our Interim Senior Pastor through June 30th. To contact Pastor Tad via email: pastorTad@worthingtonumc.com or by calling the church office at 614.885.5365.

Church Office Closed: The church office is closed tomorrow, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

REC Classes: Refresh. Explore. Commit: Are you curious about what Worthington UMC does in our community? Do you want to deepen your understanding of Communion? Or perhaps you're ready to take the next step toward membership at Worthington UMC? If so, we invite you to join our pastors for the "Refresh. Explore. Commit." classes. Each month, the same four classes will be offered on rotation at 9:00am on Sundays in the Church Library. Members, guests, and potential new members are all welcome to attend. The next "Refresh. Explore. Commit." series will begin today, Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 9:00am in the Church Library. No registration is required. We look forward to exploring and growing in faith with you! Reach out to Pastor Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com with question

Everyday Grace Bags Donations Needed: There is an urgent need for items for our Everyday Grace Bags. Items needed at this time are: hats, gloves, socks, Chapstick, hand warmers, packaged cookies or pretzels or granola bars. You may donate them during church office hours, 9:00am-4:30pm Monday - Thursday or on Sunday mornings.

Blood Drive in January: Our next blood drive here at WUMC is Thursday, January 23rd from noon to 6:00pm. The church family is always generous in the giving of time and any needed items. We are a very compassionate group and there is now a need for one more thing. Please Give Blood; ask friends to make an appointment with you or to go in your place. Schedule at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code WorthUMC or call 800-733-2767.

Bags of Blessings: The Bags of Blessings Ministry needs for January 2025 are as follows: Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Beans, Canned Ravioli, Chili or Stew, Tuna or Peanut Butter, Boxed Pastas or Rice, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Deodorant, and Bar Soap. Please return the bags on Sunday January 26th.

Worthington Resource Pantry Training: The Worthington Resource Pantry training has been rescheduled to February 2nd at 11:30am.

2025 Donations: Many of you have made changes to your giving amount in 2025. If you donate via bank draft through the Christian Family Credit Union (CFCU), your new donation amount will automatically take effect January 1st. If you have recurring giving set up through the church website (Vanco), please contact Mindy if you need help adjusting your donation amount to match your 2025 pledge. If you have bill pay set up with your bank, please be sure to adjust your donation amount to match your new 2025 commitment. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask Mindy: finance@worthingtonumc.com or 614-885-5366.

Sabbath as Resistance Pastor's Book Study: Join us for an insightful and thought-provoking book study on Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*. In this exploration of the biblical concept of Sabbath, Brueggemann invites us to reclaim rest as a form of resistance against the relentless pressures and systemic injustices of modern life. Pastor Tad will lead an in-person session at 1:00pm in Dixon Lounge each Tuesday in February. Pastor Dom will also host a session via Zoom at 7:00pm on Mondays. Copies of the book will be available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$18. Please email Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com with questions. Sign up via the QR code. We're looking forward to exploring the Sabbath with you!



Next Week's Lectionary: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 30; Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Keep us in the loop! Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths. Contact Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com or Tad at pastorTad@worthingtonumc.com

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