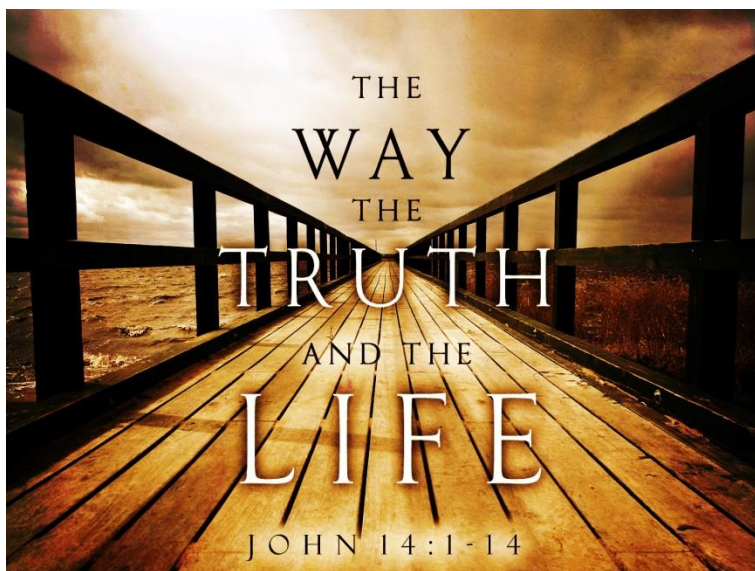


Wesley United Methodist Church

May 10, 2020



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**The Vision of Wesley United Methodist Church is to serve all
people with the love of Jesus Christ.**

Order of Worship – 10:00 A.M. Service

Gather and Spend Time with God Together

Preparing your home for Worship

Create a space that brings reminders of God's presence and love. Bright candle. Colorful flowers. Picture. Bible. Cross. Make it a joyful and prayerful place. Ask everyone in your home for suggestions. Before the gathering time, play music, turn off devices, start to pay attention to your breath as a gift from God. Pray.

Worshipping These 50 Days Focus Scripture (Acts 2:46-47a)

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.”

Welcome and Orientation

Gathering Centering Music

Let the music fill your hearts and spirits as you come to recognize God's presence welcoming you in love.

Opening Act of Centering our Hearts as One

Pastor: Holy Living God, Heartbeat of Creation, help us to take this time to center on you, for you made us, you gave us life, and you continue to be with us

every moment...

every breath...

every step.

Hear this assurance from God:

[sing to the tune of Amazing Grace... if you aren't comfortable singing it, you can say it]

ALL: Be still, O heart, you're not alone, your beat is shared with me. Come now, and calm, and center here, you're mine, secure and free.

Pastor: Let's take another deep breath, making sure our shoulders and any tension we feel in our bodies is letting go with the breath.

[Breath...] Let's take another one. [Breath...]

Let us pick up our heart stone, sometimes called a “worry stone,” and let our touch on its surface remind us that God's touch is within us, between us, and around us.

As close and real as this object is in our hands right now, is how close Love is to us always.

Let us imagine letting go of our worries for now into God's heart of love.

We offer a prayer song of letting go:

[sing to the tune of Amazing Grace... if you aren't comfortable singing it, you can say it]

ALL: Into your care, we offer now, our worries, fears and strife. We turn to you and know you're near—Your light, our love and life.

Opening Prayer

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

Opening Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought
her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought
her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are

keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Glory Sightings

Witness to God's faithfulness and love in the world. You are invited to share where have you witnessed good news. Speak aloud, write in the Facebook Comments, add into Zoom Chat.

Thanksgiving and Prayers for Mother's Day

Break Bread

Blessing the Meal

Breaking Open the Word with Scripture

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him^[b] will not be put to shame."

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,^[c] in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Psalter

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

UMH pgs. 764-765

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Special Music

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me^[e] for anything, I will do it.

Meditation

Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Action Response

Prepare for this moment by bringing something to write on and with.

Sharing Christ's Peace

*During this season of Spacial Distancing, practicing Christ's Peace is a witness of God's shalom. **Cross your arms or press hands together at your heat, bow to your companion while keeping eye contact. Offer this similar greeting "The Christ in me greets the Christ in you. Abundant peace."***

Breaking Open our Lives with Discussion

In this week's scripture, we are invited to trust in God, the rock, and to take a break from worry.

Are you finding it difficult to let go of worry, to take a break?
What have you witnessed this week that helped you feel an ongoing and steadfast love that was comforting?
Or if you can't think of something from this week, what do you have in your memory as something or someone that offered comfort?

Let's take some time at our tables to talk about these questions.

Find a place on social media, in a journal, or in conversation to complete this sentence, "I experience comfort (in/when/where) _____."

Sung Response "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire" UMH 492

1. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Unuttered or expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.
2. Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.
3. Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.
4. Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

5. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death—
He enters Heav'n with prayer.
6. O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod—
Lord, teach us how to pray!

Break Open Our Hearts With Prayer

As we share in prayer today you are encouraged to pray aloud your joys and concerns. Complete your prayer with "Lord, In your mercy" and all the people respond "Hear our prayer". (You are invited to write your prayers in the Chat or Comment feed. Also please email them to the church office so the Prayer Team may continue to pray with you during the week).

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

Offering

Giving is a spiritual practice of our faith. Sharing God's Good News through mission and ministry continue even as we are physically separate. Keep your covenant tithe, pledge, and offering with God. Consider healthy ways to be in service with your gifts and skills.

Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Generous God,
here are our gifts of time;
here are our gifts of talents;
here are our gifts of money;
building stones for Your Kingdom,**

**awaiting shaping and placing
within Your loving purpose. Amen.**

~ written by Rev Dr Derek Browning, and posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Praise God!

Hymn of Praise

**“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” (last words: “raised
from the dead”) UMH 163**

1 Ask ye what great thing I know
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, raised from the dead

2 Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my waiting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, raised from the dead

3 Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on His right
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, raised from the dead

4 This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in Him who died to save,
Him who triumphed o'er the grave,
Jesus Christ, raised from the dead

Celebrate with Jesus

Have Goodwill

Passing on the Grace of God

Energized by song and worship, let's decide to send some energy out to the world that needs it! What message does the world need? We know Jesus is present among those who are working so hard right now. How can we offer comfort to anyone who is feeling anxious? Make your own plan for this week.

Blessing (based on Psalm 16)

As we close this time together, remember:
God is always with you. No matter what you face,
no matter what trials or hardships come your way,
God is right beside you, ready to hold you, to be a rock for you,
guiding and directing your path.
So, acknowledge your fear and your worry
and know it is as true and holy as any feeling,
including joy and hope and love.
Take heart! This is the heart of the matter. Amen.

*Prayers and liturgies today can be found in:
You have permission to adapt and to share in whatever medium
necessary in this time. "Adapted from
www.worshipdesignstudio.com/series by Dr. Marcia McFee"
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Remember in our Prayers

Concerns: Lillian Hale, Tracy Jacobs, Cindi Rezabek, Judi Hines, Joella, Elaina, Richard Cooper, Marty Ammerman, Mary Legere, Sylvia Santacruz, Joseph Gilday, Jerry McReynolds, Abby, Amber Stinson, Scarlet, Danny Mitchell, Bill Mee, Zach Perkins, Caleb Coates, Ernie and Carolyn Taylor, Lynnette Scalzi, Lizzie Dorschel, Jonnie Sowers, Mary Beth Collier, Ken Kemper, Ken Eyre, Linda Boyd, Makayla Hurd, Christine Mellish, Zeb Cope, Ray Krisnow, Ramona Gemeinhart, Dennis Rosier, Pete Stone, Nhung Nguyen, Karen Bowers, Janice Crumpton, Jeff Birdsall, Kevin Lykins, Joe Ames, Jim McKirdy, Nina Winfree, Pauline Desclos, Barbara Greene, Ben Stanley, Bill Warrick, Susan Nichols, Jo and Buddy Carlisle.

Other Concerns: The Coronavirus, the tragedies occurring in our country and around the world; police officers and first responders; all who are grieving; our seniors; our church and the entire UM Church; recovery from addiction; young adults needing a closer walk with Christ; those awaiting test results; healing for those in pain.

Nation and World: Our nation, leaders, military, deployed troops and their families.

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

Birthdays: 05/12 Rosemary Parks; 05/15 Pauline Blocker

We at Wesley are glad you are here and invite you to worship with us often. Please remember to sign the fellowship pad when it comes to you. This helps the office keep track of all attendance. If you are a new visitor, please list your address and phone number. Everyone, especially our guests, is invited to join together in the fellowship hall after the benediction for a time of greeting and refreshments. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider Wesley. Pastor Gretchen would be happy to talk with you about it.

Announcements

Thank you: Vicky and John Moyer would like to thank the church family for the prayers, cards and food delivered following the death of Vicky’s Mother. They are grateful beyond words.

Nightly Prayer on Facebook Live, Monday-Friday, 7:00 PM.

Scriptures for May 17: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Week of 10 May 2020

Sun.	10	10:00 AM Live Stream Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook Mother’s Day
Mon.	11	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Tues.	12	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Wed.	13	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Thurs	14	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study – Zoom
Fri.	15	7:00 PM Prayer Time –Facebook
Sun.	17	10:00 AM Live Stream Sunday Worship Service – Zoom or Facebook

Secretary Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

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