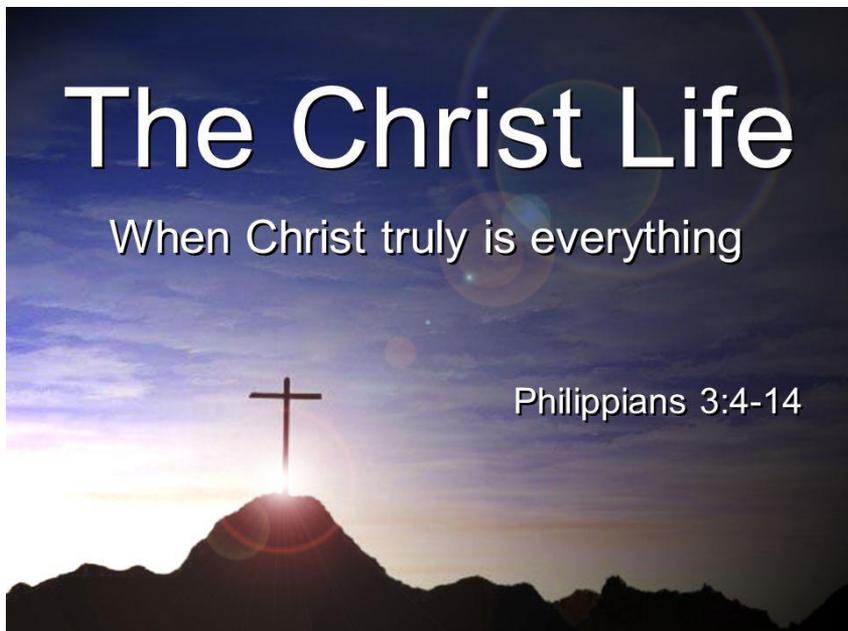


Wesley United Methodist Church

October 4, 2020
9:00 AM
Outdoor In-Person



Gretchen Nelson, Pastor
Sylvia Krisnow, Secretary

Jerry Sowers, Minister of Music
Cynthia Campbell, Accompanist

Members of Wesley, Ministers

Order of Worship – 9:00 A.M. Service

Gather Together

Preparing for Worship

Outdoor In-Person: Bring a chair. Wear a mask. Bring your order of worship. Bring elements for communion (prepackaged will be provided). Dress casual and comfortable for the weather. Pray.

Welcome and Orientation

Centering our attention on God's Holy Presence with our breath and senses.

Gathering Centering Music

Let the music fill your hearts and spirits becoming aware of God welcoming you in love.

Call to Worship/Centering our Praise

Psalm 19 (recited by a reader)

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;^[d]

do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Opening Praise

“In the Secret”

All are invited to express their praise through humming, movement, or instruments if you have one.

Proclamation and Response

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,^[a] the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ^[b] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;^[c] but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved,^[d] I do not consider that I have made it my own;^[e] but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly^[f] call of God in Christ Jesus.

Meditation

A Generous Life

Pastor Gretchen Nelson

Invitation to Christ's Table

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 heart, bow to your companion while keeping eye contact. Offer this similar greeting "The Christ in me greets the Christ in you. Abundant peace." Use your social media and phones to send Christ's peace into the world.

Offering Thanksgiving and Praise

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

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".

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts..." Acts 2:46

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.

Sharing and Receiving Bread and Cup

Praise God

*Hymn of Praise "We Are the Body of Christ"

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*Blessing