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The GOD We Can Know

A WORSHIP AND STUDY SERIES ON THE
"I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS.



What's up in worship?

Today: Just as God spoke to Moses, God wants to speak to us. When life pressures us to care more for things than for God, remember that Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." When we feel puzzled about which choices are right, we can ask for guidance from the one who said, "I am the Light of the World." When we feel vulnerable and lost, we can find comfort in knowing that we are continuously being sought by the one who said, "I am the Good Shepherd. Come to me." When we feel powerless and weary, we can find power offered to us by the one who said, "I am the True Vine. Abide in me." Come and begin the journey with us...

Next Week: In our search for satisfaction in a world that tells us there's always something more, bigger or better just around the corner, how can we find our peace? Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." A heart longing for true peace and satisfaction will find it in the One who said "I am."

Today's Community Connections:

- If you are interested in providing fresh flowers for worship, please sign up at the *Connections Corner* table. (See bullet point below.)
- Feel like you missed something? The *Connections Corner* table can help. Head across the atrium and get the information you need just under the tv monitor.
- Don't receive our weekly e-news? Please email Sue Kiefner at: SueK@wesleychurch.com to get on the list!
- We are still raising funds for a replacement projector for the sanctuary. Please consider taking a tag from the peg board outside the sanctuary and help us *Project (Y)our Faith!*
- The Northampton County Outstanding Seniors Awards will take place at Wesley Church on Thursday, April 26, 2018. If you would like to nominate somebody for this award, which recognizes individuals who contribute their time and talents for the benefit of others in our community, please connect with Susan Matacavage.

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Today's morning schedule:

9:00 – Contemporary worship
10:15 – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 – Classic (traditional) worship
Hospitality is offered in the atrium.

Church office hours are from 9 AM-
3 PM weekdays during the school
year.

The office will be closed tomorrow
for President's Day. You may reach
staff members following the
prompts on the phone system.

† invites all to stand, if able.

Contemporary Worship Order

February 18th, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great "I Am"

† Welcome and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† Lenten Litany *Teach Us the Wisdom of God*

Ensemble and Congregation; Patti Tironi, Reader

During Lent, we reflect on our sins and the meaning of repentance. **Repentance is our response to God's boundless grace.**
We look for clear direction and firm guidance from God. **Repentance is turning from darkness and walking in the light.**
We strive to become people who are more loving, and less self-serving. **Repentance is taking responsibility for our actions.**
We seek forgiveness and place our faith in God's mercy. **Repentance is trusting God's eternal grace and steadfast love.**
Let us pray: (leader will offer the prayer)

† Praising God in Song

Give You Glory and Meet With Me

The Ensemble

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-14

Lona Peerson, Reader

Children's Message

Pastor Andy

Congregational Prayer

Bob and Pastor Andy

Whether offering your prayer aloud or keeping it confidential, please continue to fill out the blue cards and place them in the offering as you come forward for communion so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

Message

"Knowing the Great 'I Am' "

Pastor Andy

Musical Response

I Am (M. Schultz)

The Ensemble

I am the maker of the heavens/I am the bright and morning star/I am the breath of all creation
Who always was/And is to come

I am the One who walked on water/I am the One who calmed the seas/I am the miracles and wonders
So come and see/And follow me/You will know

(chorus) I am the fount of living water/The risen Son of Man/The healer of the broken
And when you cry/I am your Savior and Redeemer/Who bore the sins of man
The author and perfecter/Beginning and the end/I am

I am the Spirit deep inside you/I am the Word upon your heart/I am the One who even knew you
Before your birth/Before you were (to chorus)

Before the Earth (I am)/The universe (I am)/In every heart (I am)/Oh, where you are (I am)
The Lord of Lords (I am)/The King of Kings (I am)/The Holy Lamb (I am)/Above all things

Yes, I am almighty God your Father/The risen Son of Man/The healer of the broken
And when you cry/I am your Savior and Redeemer/Who bore the sins of man
The author and perfecter/Beginning and the end/I am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see the liturgy on the insert.

All are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist tradition. The table is open to all. We receive by method of intinction. Ushers will guide you into forming lines in the aisles. The servers will hand you a piece of bread which you may dip into the cup, and then return to your pew. Please bring forward with you your Sign-in Cards / Prayer cards (available in the pew racks), as well as your morning offering. Both can be placed in the offering plates as you come forward to receive communion. *2 Cor 8:12: If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.* Music for Communion: *10,000 Reasons* and *Famous One*

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

Andy and Bob

† Closing Song

Jesus

The Ensemble

† Sending Out

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

February 18th, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great "I Am"

Prelude

Prière (J. Langlais)

Frank Arbushites, Organ

† Welcome, Introduction, and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† Lenten Litany *Teach Us the Wisdom of God*

Piano, Organ, Chancel Choir, Congregation; Carolyn Miller, Reader

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Let us pray: (leader will offer the prayer)

† Opening Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#117, United Methodist Hymnal

Congregational Prayer

Bob and Pastor Andy

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Scripture

Exodus 3:1-14

Carolyn Miller, Reader

† Hymn:

Whom Shall I Send?

#582, Hymnal

Message

"Knowing the Great 'I Am' "

Pastor Andy

Musical Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (arr. J. Schrader)

Chancel Choir

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Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

Andy and Bob

† Closing Hymn

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

#357, Hymnal

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

The Light from on High (D. Paxton)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done,"
 Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

Feb. 11th John & Carol Covert for friends in Florida, Jan & Tom, Matt & Lori Dietz for Brilynd as he heals from a broken collarbone, Lisa Jacobson for my Mom, Audrey struggling with some "unknown" medical problems, Sue Kiefner for our neighbors at First Presbyterian going through their separation, that both congregations follow God's will for them. Frank Madura for God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, & Mary; Wisdom with Caregivers & Thursday Men's group; thanksgiving for the love and fellowship of church; God's blessing for my Mother, Peter Marmaras for Mother, Kate, who has returned home; For Karen; for travel for Grace; Angie for healing and for managing; Anne M. for her internship opportunity, Debra Silliman for safe travels; strength and patience for Jackie and all mommies. Jackie has returned to work; prayers for her adjusting, endurance, and peace. Health & strength for all who have little ones to care for, Wendy Smith "GO EAGLES!" Marty is smiling in Heaven watching over his Kathy, Lin & Ray Robey continued recovery for MaryAnn with kidney surgery recently; for Donna, with serious health concerns; for those suffering losses and for our grandson Derek, **Spoken Prayers:** continued prayers for Tom Miller with surgery; Ray Buckno struggling with health.

Feb. 4th Ann English for her grieving widow care receiver in the Stephen Ministry, Chris Foster gives thanks for Brink's clear cardiac cath!! Prayers for Baby Elliott; Maria for the loss of mother; and Tracy for employment transfer. Michael to have healthy and peaceful year. All refugees, children and families, fleeing oppression and starvation, and for new team members on Noah's team, Cindy Ivins for Rebecca Flores as it does so much to lift her spirits, Betty Krupka asks prayer for friend, Sandy with brain surgery for Parkinson's, Terry Nighan my son is at sea again; please pray for his safety, strength, & his family, for Rich Clark with an immune disorder, and prayers for Charlotte who has heart problems, and her son Russell, who has cancer.

JOYS AND PRAISES: Tom Keel mild stroke and is doing very well. Dan Capwell doing better with the tinnitus. Debra Silliman gives thanks for the music offered by children and for the adults who teach them. Sue Maticavage's family in SC recovering from their illness. Kasey Renowden gives thanks for prayers for Julianne's thyroid surgery. She is recovering and doing well. The Robey family gives prayers of thanks! MaryAnn had a kidney transplant on Thursday; her kidney started working Friday. Ricky Sterner gives thanks all for your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from lung surgery.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: The McDonough family on death of John. Karen Rose for friends & family of Kathy Hartman. Nicole & Christian Lockhart ask prayers for the family of John Hoffner. The family of Howard Baier who passed recently. Reggie Young on loss of brother. Nicole & Christian Lockhart ask prayers for the family of John Hoffner who passed away.

CONTINUED HEALING/PRAYER CONCERNS: Andy Kereczman with cancer. Reggie Young with lung cancer & surgery on 21st. Ricky Sterner who got pneumonia and had to return to hospital. Rebecca Flores during chemo & radiation. Melissa Day for her cancer and treatments. Betty Holt for lung concerns. Peter Marmaras' mother, Kate. Chuck & Wendy Stehly for Jeff with brain cancer; for Ivelisse with breast cancer. For Suzanne Hastie's parents Aaron & Janice.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP: At Home: George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones
 Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Collin
 Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen, Yolanda McKinnon
 King's Daughters Gertrude Kunsman
 Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery
 Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel, Lorene Arnold
 Arlington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
 Manor Care Frances Brandon
 Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
 Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner
 Traditions HOA Betty Holt

WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES: Our teachers and facilitators; Good Grief: Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACHRwanda; Visitation/Stephen Ministry; We've Got Your Backpack Day; Backpack Buddies; Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot; and the 2018 Young Inquirers confirmation class.

We ask that you please update your prayer request information at **least every two weeks.**
 This ensures that your request will remain on the Prayer List. Thank you.