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The G O D We Can Know

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



What's up in worship?

Today: Pastor Bob will bring the message on the "I Am" statement: "I am the Good Shepherd," and "I am the Gate (or Door) for the sheep." A good shepherd always watched over the sheep coming in and going out. We can see why the Bible compares people to sheep. We all spend our lives traveling through a similar doorway. Every one of us is constantly moving between a search for familiarity and a return to security. Deep inside of every human heart is a desire to be loved. We want to know we matter and that someone genuinely cares about us. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd" because he is the gate. He's paid the rent. He's invested in us. We matter to him.

Next Week: When Jesus says, "I am the True Vine" he is indicating that the same authority and power of God given to Israel lives in him; but then he declares, "I Am." He is not just a son of Israel; he is the Son of God, connected to the true, or real, source of Israel's strength. We stay connected to God's power by staying connected to Christ. The way to do this is to *abide*. That word appears ten times in John 15. Abiding in Christ is the key to experiencing spiritual power. How do we abide in Christ? Jesus offers a vivid image—be a branch!

Today's Community Connections:

- The altar flowers are presented by Ken and Phyllis Niewoehner in honor of their family.
- 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 Maticavage.

Due to the presence of illnesses making their way around the congregation (and the community), you are encouraged not to shake hands, but rather fist pump and elbow tap your friends and fellow believers during the greeting. While we take many precautions during communion, we would also like to remind you to try not to mistakenly dip your fingertips into the juice as you receive. Thanks!

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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.

† invites all to stand, if able.

Contemporary Worship Order

March 11th, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

† Welcome and Greeting Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† Praising God in Song *Everyday and Good, Good Father* The Ensemble

† Scripture John 10: 1-15 Mike Matacavage, Reader

Children's Message Pastor Andy

† Lenten Litany *Teach Us the Wisdom of God* Ensemble and Congregation; Mike Matacavage, Reader
Please see the projection to join in the singing, reading and prayer.

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 God’s Care” Bob

Musical Response *Who Am I* (Michael Frye) The Ensemble

Who am I? That the Lord of all the earth/Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt,
Who am I? That the Bright and Morning Star/Would choose to light the way, for my ever-wandering heart,
Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done/Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are,

(Chorus) I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow/A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind,
Still You hear me when I'm calling, Lord, You catch me when I'm falling/And You've told me who I am: I am Yours.

Who am I? That the eyes that see my sin/Would look on me with love, and watch me rise again,
Who am I? That the voice that calmed the sea/Would call out through the rain, and calm the storm in me,
Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done/Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are
(to chorus)

Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done/Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are
(to chorus)

Whom shall I fear: Whom shall I fear? Cause I am Yours. I am Yours.

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: *O Come to the Altar* and *He Knows My Name*

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin) Andy and Bob

Ministry Minute: Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot Gayne Marriner

† Closing Song *This Is Amazing Grace* The Ensemble

† Closing Words and Response *Father Bless Us* The Ensemble

† Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

March 11th, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

Prelude *Lord, I Need a Shepherd* (J. Sanborn) Frank Arbushites, Piano

† **Welcome and Greeting** Andrew Krpata, Pastor

† **Opening Hymn** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #381, United Methodist Hymnal

† **Lenten Litany** *Teach Us the Wisdom of God* Piano, Jane Griffing - soloist, Congregation; Patti Tironi, Reader
Please see the projection to join in the singing, reading and prayer.

Congregational Prayer Bob and Pastor Andy
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Special Music *And He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* (arr. Sherman) Celebration Ringers

† **Scripture** John 10: 1-15 Patti Tironi, Reader

† **Hymn:** *Spirit Song* #347, Hymnal

Message “Knowing God’s Care” Bob

Musical Response *Once Upon a Tree* (P. Choplin) Jane Griffing, soloist

Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified.
If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story.
Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows.
Could the Father’s will be done through the suffering of His Son?
And there comes the answer, “Once upon a tree.”

For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be?
He died, He rose again, still the story doesn’t end, For His spirit is living in me.
What tale of human love could there ever be told? What song could compare with the one I hold?
Through everything I am and through everything I’ll be, let me sing my story: “Once upon a tree.”

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Ministry Minute: Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot Gayne Marriner

† **Closing Hymn** *He Leadeth Me* #128, Hymnal

† **Benediction**

† **Choral Response** *Father Bless Us* (R. Mann) Chancel Choir

† **Postlude** *Song of Praise* (J. S. Bach)

"Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray." Psalm 5:2

"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

March 6th **Clarke Chapman** for those in the world who are hungry, facing violence and war. **Chris Foster** asks prayers for David & Kate's large family, that they be healthy, happy, & well provided for. For Roby in her battle with cancer. **Sandy Kereczman** to continue prayers for Andy. **Frank Madura** for God's guidance as his Mother's caregiver and a job search. God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, & Mary – all with cancer. **Beverly & Gayne Marriner** ask prayers for safe travel for our granddaughter & our great-grandson. **Carolyn Miller** for Charlain with cancer surgery on March 13th. **Kasey Renowden** for Verlin Curtis, stroke; Hank Buck, pneumonia; Brenda Chandler and Dick Champion, stage 4 cancers. **Ray & Lin Robey** ask prayers for Donna – loss of family member on Thursday; for continued healing for Jack, Lauri & Maryann. Prayers for those struggling with loss of loved ones. Prayers for Derek, & special prayers for Donna, with serious health concerns. **Rob Watson** prayers for friend, James is struggling with alcoholism. I feel that prayer will help him to finally get treatment for the awful disease. **Regina Young** pray for pending lung surgery to remove lower lobe and cancerous nodule.

Feb. 25th

Laurie Billheimer prayers for safety of our children fearing to go to school. Prayers to sell their house. The **Dietz Family** pray for strength and comfort for friends during recent loss of their father. **Sue Kiefner** prayers for father-in-law, fell and some face trauma; also suffering with dementia. Prayers for family facing difficult decisions. **Angela Knappenberger** for father-in-law, Jim Knappenberger, with 3 cancerous tumors in his body. Pray for good prognosis/strength, comfort, and guidance. **Sharon Schultz** for Joe's sister, Susan, with surgery to remove a malignant breast lump. **Deb Silliman** asks strength, patience and good health for all the teachers, **Wendy & Chuck Stehly** prayers for a co-worker, Gail recuperating from surgery for detached retina. For friend diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Prayer Team** Shirley Brandon with back problems & bronchitis. For brother Chris to find a kidney; for 2-year-old grandson in hospital. Chris Foster recovering from hand surgery.

JOYS AND PRAISES: **Ray Buckno** shows no sign of cancer. **Chris Foster** thankful for David & Kate's daughter's birth; Tracy's transfer & raise; celebrating Sandee's 70th birthday. The **Robey family** thanks as **MaryAnn** had kidney transplant Thursday & kidney started working Friday. **Ricky Sterner's** thanks that lungs are doing very well. **Sandy Kereczman** for Andy's news his cancer has stayed same & PT scan in 6 months. **Frank Madura** shares praise to God for the caregivers & Thursday Men's Group. **Jan & Rich Schultz** share that friend Gene's biopsy was benign. **Shirley Brandon** thanks for prayers, concern & love from church family & prayers answered.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: The **McDonough family** on death of John. **Gail Nakato** on passing of husband Ron. The **George and Nancy Lewis family** on loss of Dad.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS: **Bob & Carol Baron** for **Louis** with stomach cancer. **Walt & Carolyn Migliori** for Walt's dad, **Martin**, recovering from amputation surgery. **Patti Tironi** for father, Ben's back surgery. **Kelly Hines'** father with Parkinson's disease. **Andy Kereczman** with cancer. **Reggie Young** with lung cancer. **Ricky Sterner** double lung transplant. **Rebecca Flores** chemo & radiation. **Melissa Day** for cancer treatments. **Betty Holt** for lung concerns. **Peter Marmaras'** mother, Kate. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for **Jeff** with brain cancer; **Ivelisse** with breast cancer. **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 **Arlington** (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen, **Manor Care** Frances Brandon
Yolanda McKinnon **Sterling Heights** Peggy Jacobson
King's Daughters Gertrude Kunsman **Kirkland Village** Barbara Guldner
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery **Traditions HOA** Betty Holt
Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel, Lorene Arnold

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; Outreach Depot; Young Inquirers Confirmation Class; UMC Leadership

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.