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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: 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!

Next Week: What it means to make Jesus our way? To be sure, we're not just making Jesus a way, we make him *our* way. We let it define our living and what we do. This isn't just something to believe in; it's something to live out. We worship a living God who is active and moving and present and doing something right now. Think about what it means to believe that—right this minute God is seeking to do something and seeking someone through whom to do it!

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 or sign up at the *Connections Corner* table 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 Matakavage.

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 bump 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!

Worship Alert! Next week's worship schedule, Palm/Passion Sunday, will be a combined, single, blended worship service beginning at 10 AM. There will be no children's Christian Education hour. Adults will meet at 9. **Please mark your calendar!**

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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 18th, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

† Welcome and Greeting

Special Music *I Love to Tell the Story* (arr. Thompson) Glockenchor (Children’s Bell Choir)

† **Praising God in Song** *Take Me Higher and Jesus Loves Me* The Ensemble

† **Scripture** John 15:1-8 Chris Jacobsen, Reader

Children's Message Pastor Andy

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

Congregational Prayer 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 Power” Pastor Andy

Musical Response *Power of Your Love* (G. Bullock) The Ensemble

Lord, I come to You. Let my heart be changed, renewed/Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see in me/Will be stripped away by the pow’r of Your love.

(Chorus) Hold me close, let Your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle. And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow’r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes. Let me see You face to face/The knowledge of your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds my life/Living ev’ry day by the pow’r of Your love. (to Chorus)

(Repeat Chorus)

(Ending) And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow’r of Your love. (repeat 2x)

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: *Lord, I Need You* and *Good, Good Father*

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin) Andy

† **Closing Song** *Everywhere I Go* The Ensemble

† **Closing Words and Response** *Father Bless Us* (R. Mann) The Ensemble

† **Dismissal**

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

March 18th, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

Prelude *Prelude 9, E Major (J. S. Bach)* Becky Graybeal, Piano

† **Welcome and Greeting**

† **Opening Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #139, United Methodist Hymnal

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

Congregational Prayer Pastor Andy
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† **Scripture** John 15:1-8 Gary Jerabek, Reader

† **Hymn:** *I Need Thee Every Hour* #397, Hymnal

Message “Knowing God’s Power” Andy

Musical Response *I Am the Vine (A. Pote)* Chancel Choir

I am the vine and you are the branches/Abide in me and I will abide in you
Then you will bear much fruit/For without me you can do nothing/Abide in me and I will abide in you (repeat)

As the Father has loved me, so I love you/Go then and love one another/Keep this commandment
For no greater love have you/Than to lay down your life for your friends

I am the vine and you are the branches/Abide in me and I will abide in you
Love on another as I have loved you/I am the vine, you are the branches
Go then and bear much fruit/Go abide in my love

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Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin) Andy

† **Closing Hymn** *O Blessed Spring* from *The Faith We Sing* (Please see the insert.)

† **Benediction**

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

† **Postlude** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (C. Berry)*

"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 11th **Chris Foster** for Roby in her battle with cancer; Natasha, Josh; healing of my wrist; Sandee in her fight with infection. Prayers for David & Kate's large family that they are healthy, happy, & well provided for. For Kate & baby Elliot; **Ron Horizny** for recovery from hip surgery after ski accident. **Sue Kiefner** asks prayers for comfort as father-in-law transitions from his home to a memory care unit. Pray for the family as they accept this new path. **Tracy Leszczynski** asks prayers for Gabby, a 10 year-old-girl, who is in the hospital with Nail Patella Syndrome, a kidney disease. **Nicole & Christian Lockhart** for prayers of comfort & guidance for nephew away at school. **Frank Madura** for God's wisdom as my Mother's caregiver and my job search. God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, & Mary – all with cancer. Prayers for Kim on the journey of her mother. **Tom Keel** is recovering from foot surgery. **Ray & Lin Robey** offer Happy Birthday wishes to grandson, Derek. Prayers for Donna – loss of family member; for continued healing for Jack, Lauri & Maryann. Prayers for those struggling with loss of loved ones. Special prayers for Donna, with serious health concerns. **Karen & Jeff Rose** pray for healing of their hearts in their sadness for having to let our 19 year old cat go yesterday. He was a great "fur baby" and is very much missed. **Dot Sekkes** is in rehab after flu complications. **Ricky Sterner** needs prayers for recovery from open heart surgery last Sunday. **Wendy Stehly** for prayers for friend, Carol, whose cancer has returned. Prayers for a co-worker, Gail who is recuperating from surgery for a detached retina. For friend just diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Janice Waller** praying that more people see the light of Christ in their life.

March 4th **Clarke Chapman** for those in the world who are hungry, facing violence and war. **Sandy Kereczman** to continue prayers for Andy. **Carolyn Miller** for Charlain with recovery from cancer surgery. **Kasey Renowden** for Verlin Curtis, stroke; Hank Buck, pneumonia; Brenda Chandler and Dick Champion, stage 4 cancers. **Rob Watson** prayers for friend, James who 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. **Angela Knappenberger** for father-in-law, Jim Knappenberger, with 3 cancerous tumors in his body. **Sharon Schultz** for Joe's sister, Susan, with removal of a malignant breast lump.

JOYS AND PRAISES: **Ray Buckno** shows no sign of cancer. **Chris Foster** thankful for Andres's acceptance into PT program; Tracy's transfer & raise; celebrating Sandee's 70th birthday. The **Robey family** shares thanks as **MaryAnn** had kidney transplant Thursday & kidney started working Friday. **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/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. **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:

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

At Home: George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones

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; Music and Worship Ministries; Youth Ministry; UMC Leadership; 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.