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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: 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

Next Week: We come to worship on the highest and holiest day of the year as we celebrate the risen Christ! Jesus said, "I AM the resurrection and the life..." We come full-circle and conclude the series with this life-changing affirmation. The focus is on the possibilities that are offered through the One who overcame death – not just his own, but ours as well. "New Life, New Possibilities, No Foolin'."

Today's Community Connections:

- The Confirmation class has a few more spaces open on their trip to Old St. George's church in Philadelphia on April 14th. Want more info? See Susan Matacavage! And thanks for your support at yesterday's pancake breakfast!
- 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!

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! This week is Holy Week. You and yours are highly encouraged to attend worship on Thursday and Friday (at 7:30 pm), and to take a quiet Saturday to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' death. Wesley Church would be pleased to welcome your friends and loved ones and other guests at any time!

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Today's morning schedule:

10:00 – Blended worship
Hospitality is offered in the atrium.
There is no children's
Sunday School.

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

† invites all to stand, if able.



Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Order

March 25th, 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Lent / Knowing the Great “I Am”

Prelude

My Soul Doth Rest in Jesus' Keeping (J. S. Bach, arr. H. Bauer) Frank Arbushites, piano

† **Welcome and Community Connections** (Please see front of bulletin.)

Invitation to Observe Holy Week

† **Opening Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

#280, United Methodist Hymnal

† **Lenten Litany:** *Teach Us the Wisdom of God*

Musicians and Congregation; Hannah Graybeal, Reader

Please see the projection to join in the singing, reading, and prayer.

† **Scripture:**

Mark 11:1-11

Pastor Andy

When prompted, the congregation will say together:

“Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!”

† **Praising God in Song**

Hosanna and King of Kings

The Ensemble

† **Welcoming One Another**

Scripture:

John 14:1-9

Karen Schaefer, Reader

Children's Message: Caregivers: please send the children to the front without palms!

Pastor Andy

Congregational Prayer

Bob Keiderling

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!

Anthem

Let Sweet Hosannas Ring

Chancel Choir

All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King/To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son/Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One

The company of angels are praising Thee on high/And we with all creation in chorus make reply
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went/Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present

We sing, “Hosanna to the Son of David/Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Messiah, Deliverer, and King!/Join with the children, let sweet hosannas ring

To Thee, before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise/To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring/Who in all good delights, Thou good and gracious King

We sing, “Hosanna to the Son of David/Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Messiah, Deliverer, and King!/Join with the children, let sweet hosannas ring
Let sweet hosannas ring/Let sweet hosannas ring!

Message

“Knowing God's Way”

Pastor Andy

Response: *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*(Tomlin, Cash, Armstrong, Myrin & Redman)

The Ensemble

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies/There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide

Where all the love, I've ever found/Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

(Chorus) At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life/I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white/I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

There's a place, where sin and shame are powerless/There my heart has peace with God, and forgiveness

Where all the love, I've ever found/Comes like a flood, comes flow-ing down (to chorus)

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground/Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life/Here I bow down, here I bow (to chorus)

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life/I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white/I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

I owe all to You, I owe all to You/Jesus, Savior of the world. Jesus, Savior of the world.
Your love ran red./Your love ran red.

† **Scripture:**

Mark 14:12-25

Sam Graybeal, Reader

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: *Lamb of God* and *Hosanna*

The Passion of Jesus Christ: The Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-15

read by Kelly and Tom Hines

Listen carefully as the last days and moments of our Lord's life are recounted. As you listen, watch as artwork throughout the centuries depicts these life-changing events, and then join in the responses.

Mark 14:26-50

Response: O Jesus, I Have Promised (stanza 1)

#396, United Methodist Hymnal

Mark 14:51-72

Response: O Jesus, I Have Promised (stanza 2)

Mark 15:1-24

Special Music: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (arr. M. Prins)

Klangchor Bell Choir

Mark 15: 25-47

† **Closing Song**

The Wonderful Cross

The Ensemble

† **Closing Words and Response**

Father Bless Us (R. Mann)

Choir, Ensemble and Congregation

† **Dismissal**

Postlude

Litanies (Jehan Alain)

Frank, organ

"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 18th Laurie Bilheimer & Scott Stackhouse pray for God's guidance for son's struggles. The Dietz Family asks prayers for Jeff Krause as he heals from surgery & all cancer was removed. Chris Foster for Sandee, Ellie, Roby & herself for complete healing. Tasha's continued health & well-being. Tracy's success in new position. Rosie's safety. For all refugees & immigrants seeking safety, food, & well-being. Donna Giardina for her brother with his 8th back surgery; my brother-in-law with cancer. Sandy Kereczman continue prayers for Andy. Donna Keiderling to pray that God will provide me with a new job. Frank Madura asks God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, & Mary – all with cancer. God's comfort to Scott, Kim & their families on passing of Kim's mother. God's wisdom as my mother's caregiver and for my job search. Carolyn Migliori for Keenan having a procedure (colonoscopy) on Friday. Carolyn Miller for Larry having dizzy spells, using a walker now to stabilize. Barry Stahr, nephew, also having spells and on a monitor. Charlain had cancer surgery recently. Kasey Renowden asks prayers for Verlin Curtis, stroke; Brenda Chandler and Dick Champion, stage 4 cancers. Dot Sekkes in rehab after flu complications. Regina Young asks prayers for pending lung surgery to remove lower lobe and cancerous nodule. Keranie Whipple prayers for Melissa Whipple Day for double mastectomy. Keep her in prayers for healing. Lost cousin this morning due to pancreatic cancer. He is not suffering any more. Robert Young to keep Mom in prayers as she was transferred from nursing home to hospital and diagnosed with cardiac issues.

March 11th Ron Horisny 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. Tracy Leszczynski asks prayers for Gabby, a 10 year-old-girl, with complications from Nail Patella Syndrome, a kidney disease. Nicole & Christian Lockhart for prayers of comfort & guidance for nephew away at school. Tom Keel in rehab from foot surgery. Angela Knappenberger for father-in-law, Jim Knappenberger, with 3 cancerous tumors in his body. Ray & Lin Robey for prayers for Donna – loss of family member; for continued healing for Jack, Lauri & Maryann. Prayers for those struggling with loss of loved ones. Karen & Jeff Rose pray for healing of hearts for having to let their 19 year old cat go yesterday. He was a great "fur baby" and greatly missed. Ricky Sterner needs prayers for recovery from open heart surgery. Wendy Stehly for prayers for Carol, whose cancer has returned; for Gail who is recuperating from surgery for a detached retina; and for friend just diagnosed with prostate cancer. Janice Waller praying that more people see the light of Christ in their life. Sharon Schultz for Joe's sister, Susan, with surgery for a malignant breast lump. Patti Tironi for father, Ben's back surgery.

JOYS AND PRAISES: Ray Buckno shows no sign of cancer. Robey family shares thanks for MaryAnn's healing from kidney transplant. Frank Madura shares praise for the caregivers & Thursday Men's Group. Shirley Brandon thanks for prayers, concern & love from church family & prayers answered. Jan & Rich Schultz share that friend Gene's biopsy was benign.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: Joe Schultz and family on the passing of Joe's brother Barry. Suzanne Krom for loss of brother. Kim Milham Family on passing of mother, Judy. McDonough family on death of John. Gail Nakato on passing of husband Ron. Barlow Family on passing of father, Tom

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS: Bob & Carol Barron 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 with Mesothelioma. 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	Arlington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin	Manor Care Frances Brandon
Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Yolanda McKinnon	Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
King's Daughters Gertrude Kunsman	Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner	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 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.