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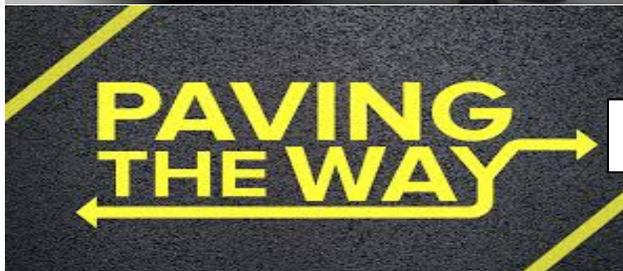


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What's up in worship?

Today: The second mark of a follower is one who is willing to be last. It's a servant position; one that takes the more vulnerable of society and loves them in the name of Jesus. While the disciples fight about who's #1, Jesus tells them the best place to be is the back of the line.

Next Week: Continuing the discourse from last week, Jesus issues a warning for disciples who abuse the responsibility to care for the least of these. These words are about how followers choose to treat those who do not think like believers/ behave exactly like we wish they would, and yet use the name of Jesus just like us. Jesus tells his disciples not to let personal sin get in the way of others' becoming disciples. Treat it seriously ("cut off" the sinful part). We need to stay salty – not lose our taste/effectiveness. Then we'll be at peace with everyone. A special rededication of our refurbished handbells will take place as well.

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.)
- Wesley UMC will be offering a Backpack volunteer recognition luncheon on October 7th, immediately after the second service. Check out the following link: https://www.evite.com/event/031255PF3QVPNI3AYEPIWSC2UKS55M/rsvp?utm_campaign=send_sharable_link&utm_medium=sharable_invite&utm_source=NA
- 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!
- Wesley wishes to welcome anyone willing to give music a try to connect with any of our choirs of all ages, bell and voice! There are some slots open for you to see what you can do! Please see Frank or Becky to inquire. As "they" say, making a joyful "noise" is acceptable to God!
- The Trustees invite the Body to join them on Saturday, September 29th from 8-1 for a Fall clean-up day. Chairperson Rich Chambers has details, or sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CABAB2FA20-dayofcaring>
- Youth Annual Conference AT WESLEY CHURCH has been postponed until 3/16/19.
- Mark your calendar! The Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot is holding a fundraising event Thursday, October 18th from 5-7 at the Apollo Grill in Bethlehem. The Depot is a 100% volunteer organization that aids people who have housing needs in the Lehigh Valley (please check out our website). Please share and please come! Questions call Donna Giardina 484-515-2880.

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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

September 23rd, 2018 – Week #2: The Marks of a Follower

† Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Andy Krpata

Please stand and take some time to say hello to those around you, and remind them that Jesus is here! Peace!

† Praising God in Song

Finding Who We Are and I Have Decided

The Ensemble

† Scripture

Mark 9:30-37

Chris Jacobsen, Reader

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

The blue *Sign-in Cards / Prayer Cards* are available in the pew racks. They, as well as your morning offering, can be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along your pew. Thank you!

Music during the Offering

The Summons

The Ensemble

Message

"Go to the Back of the Line"

Musical Response

The Servant Song (R. Gillard; Arr. by D. Haas)

The Ensemble

Will you let me be your servant/Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to/Let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey/We are travelers on the road
We are here to help each other/Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you/In the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you/Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping/When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow/'Til we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven/We will find such harmony
Born of all we've know together/Of Christ's love and agony

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Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

† Closing Song

I Will Follow

The Ensemble

† Closing Words and Dismissal

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Classic Worship Order

September 23rd, 2018 – Week #2: The Marks of a Follower

Prelude *Traumerei* (R. Schumann) Becky Graybeal, piano

† **Welcome and Greeting** Pastor Andy Krpata
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† **Opening Hymn** *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* #166, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

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Offertory *Make Me a Servant* (Arr. L. Bergquist) Becky, piano

† **Doxology** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (stanza 4) #79, UMH

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Scripture** Mark 9:30-37 Gary Jerabek, Reader

† **Hymn** *The Summons* Please see the insert.

Message "Go to the Back of the Line" Andy

Musical Response *The Servant Song* (R. Gillard; Arr. Tom Fettke) Chancel Choir

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† **Closing Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu* #432, UMH

† **Benediction and Response** *Go Forth for God* (verse 4) Chancel Choir only

† **Postlude** *Sonata No. 19 in D Major, Finale: Allegro assai* (F. J. Haydn) Becky, piano

WESLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

"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

SEPT. 16TH

Shirley Brandon for sister-in-law, Francis, hospitalized again with Lupus in her lungs. **Chris Foster** for Mike's recovery; Sidney in Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Raysor's transition; Vicki's caregiving; hurricane victims. **Karen Marmaras** for Devin, with aggressive osteo sarcoma; Oliva family & friends; Annie's friends, Mike & Kyle. **Gayne & Beverly Marriner** for those affected by the hurricane. **Nicole Lockhart** prayers of comfort & remembrance on the anniversary of my brother's passing. **Frank Madura** for God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, Mary, Joe – all with cancer; God's wisdom as my Mother's caregiver & my job search. **Kasey Renowden** for Brenda, brain cancer; Dick, lung cancer, Jacque, cancer; Karen, breast cancer. **Deb Silliman** for all those in Florence's path of devastation and continued flooding; for sister, Kathy's, husband Charlie, & his family on the passing of brother Richard. **Janice Waller** for son, Jon, during surgery and recovery on September 19th. **Betty Weaver** for friend Wayne with blood clots in both legs, both lungs & pneumonia.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Carolyn & Larry Miller give praise that they are continuing to heal and grow stronger in God's strength. **Andy & Sandy Kereczman** celebrate their 20th anniversary and give praise to God & continued good health. **Patti Tironi** gives Joy for friends Melissa & Adam's healthy new baby – a miracle. **Betty Krupka** gives thanks for oldest son, John & wife, home safely from Scotland. **Deb Silliman** gives praises for Jackie's 24th birthday; new faces in Sunday School today; Joy for Addison's baptism and her family. **Janice Waller** praises God for "Back to Church Sunday!" as we all gather to celebrate. **Laurie Billheimer/Scott Stackhouse** our Aunt Peggy Jacobson's 90th birthday and sons giving her family party. **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for the Thursday night Men's Group & Stephen Ministries and for the opportunities to serve.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS: **Melissa Day**, post treatment care. **Jane Harter** for Daniel Harter, cancer surgery. **Kelly Hines'** father, Parkinson's disease. **Tom Keel**, foot surgeries & rehab. **Bob Keiderling** for sister, Pat, more chemo. **Andy Kereczman**, cancer. **Bill Mains**, surgery for prostate cancer. **Beverly Marriner**, severe pain relief. **Carolyn Miller** for Larry and her own healing. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for Jeff, brain cancer; Ivelisse, breast cancer.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Alexandria Manor Forrest Taylor
Abington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
Gracedale Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner

At Home George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones
Moravian Village Agnes Smith
Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery
Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel

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 Groups; Wesley Community Garden; Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot; and UMC Leadership.

WESLEY LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

Committee on Nominations and Leadership: Pastor Andrew Krpata, Lenore Mohr, Mike Maticavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, Christy Hume, Jane Kempfer, and Michelle Koch.

Committee on Staff/Parish Relations: Dave Siegfried, Andrew Krpata, Mike Maticavage, Karen Marmaras, Meg Ksenzakovic, Steve Caskie, Liz Lewis, Mike Krom, and Jaimee Walters.

Board of Trustees: Rich Chambers, Jeff Rose, Deb Silliman, Andrew Krpata, Frank Madura, Kim Krupka, Kraig Hume, Lisa Jacobsen, and Doug Jantzi.

Committee on Finance and Stewardship: Jim Hunter, Peter Marmaras, Andrew Krpata, Mike Maticavage, Karen Marmaras, Dave Siegfried, Rich Chambers, Sharon Schultz, Wayne Muffley, Anita Dalske, Aaron Hook, Bob Sopko, and Matt Dietz.

Church Council: Christian Lockhart (Chairperson), Mike Maticavage (Lay Leader), Karen Marmaras (Lay Leader to Annual Conference), Chris Foster (Alternate to Annual Conference), Jason Walters (Social Justice Ministries), and Sue Kiefner (Outreach & Ministries).

Also included in Church Council are the chairpersons of our administrative committees.

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.