

Welcome to...



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What's up in worship?

Today: 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 hand bells will take place as well.

Next Week: We will begin a new sermon series based on the book of Job titled "Mystery." Focusing on the book of Job can be an opportunity to embrace vivid imagery, human emotion, and the mysterious nature of a God who created the entire universe. In the first week, it seems a bit disorienting that someone as "blameless and upright" as Job would be tested so vehemently. For many people, this probably doesn't seem to fit the image of God we experience as a loving Creator. Our disoriented feelings likely mirror Job's. And we begin to ask, "Why?"

Today's Community Connections:

- Thank you to all who came out yesterday and helped with our fall church cleanup. We had a lot to accomplish, and couldn't have done it without you!
- Youth Group meets tonight from 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend!
- Blessing of the Animals and Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 6th.
- 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!**
- 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!
- A reminder that each week's sermon is broadcast live on Facebook!

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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 30th, 2018 – Week #3: 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!

Special Music

God is So Good

Kinderchor

† Praising God in Song

Every Move I Make and Give Us Your Courage

The Ensemble

Rededication of Handbells

Prayer (together): Eternal, caring God, we give thanks for our freedom to worship, and for the faithfulness and generosity of spirit which has built this community of faith. Honoring that faithfulness and generosity, we rededicate these handbells to your worship and praise, and the glory of your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† Scripture

Mark 9:38-50

Sara Capwell, 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

"Stay Salty"

Musical Response

The Power of Your Name (Lincoln Brewster)

The Ensemble

Surely children weren't made for the streets/Or to face the day with nothing to eat
Surely this isn't how it should be/Let Your kingdom come

Surely nations were not made for war/Or the broken meant to be ignored
Surely this just can't be what You saw/Let Your kingdom come, here in my heart

(chorus) And I will live to carry Your compassion To love a world that's broken, to be Your hands and feet
I will give with the life that I've been given And go beyond religion to see the world be changed/By the power of Your name

Surely life wasn't made to regret/And the lost were not made to forget
Surely faith without action is dead/Let Your kingdom come, Lord break this heart (to chorus)

Jesus, Your name is a shelter for the hurting And Your name is a refuge for the weak Only Your name can redeem the undeserving Jesus,
Your name holds everything I need (to chorus)

Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin

† Closing Song

Reign in Me

The Ensemble

† Closing Words and Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

September 30th, 2018 – Week #3: The Marks of a Follower

Prelude

Novelette in C (F. Poulenc)

Frank Arbushites, piano

† Welcome and Greeting

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† Opening Hymn

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

#427, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

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Special Music:

Fantasia on Forest Green (arr. L. Larson)

Celebration Ringers

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Offertory

Sweet By and By (arr. M. Hayes)

Frank, piano

† Doxology

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (stanza 4)

#79, UMH

† Scripture

Psalms 124 (UMH #846) and Mark 9:38-50

Karen Marmaras, Reader

Hymn

The Summons

Please see the insert

Message

"Stay Salty"

Andy

Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin

† Closing Hymn

There's a Spirit in the Air

#192, UMH

† Benediction

† Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G (J. S. Bach)

Frank, organ

WESLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

SEPTEMBER 30, 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

SEPTEMBER 23RD

Melissa Day for a quick recovery from unexpected surgery on September 24th. **Chris Foster** for Sydney at Children's Cincinnati Hospital; Mike's continued recovery; Ken; Carol & Larry Miller; Refugees & Syrian citizens. **Mary Ellen Lehman** for the Scott family as they all battle cancer. **Nicole & Christian Lockhart** for guidance & strength for their nephew. **Frank Madura** for God's healing for Dennis, Chuck, Mary, Joe—all with cancer; God's guidance as my mother's caregiver and my job search; God's blessings and strength for my mother & her new hearing aids. **Karen Marmaras** for the Olivas family; Annie's friends, Mike & Kyle; & Devin. **Gayne & Beverly Marriner** for prayers of healing & love for Ken Niewoehner. **Joan Palisca** for friend Connie recovering from a bad fall; for Oliver (6 months old) waiting for a heart transplant. **Kasey Renowden** for Brenda, brain cancer; Dick, lung cancer, Jacque & Karen, breast cancer. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** continued prayers for our friend's daughter, Jennifer Grube, with an inoperable tumor in her lungs, and beginning chemotherapy. **Bill Whipple** for Melissa with reconstructive surgery this week, one of a series of surgeries. **Regina Young** for Pam Fischel who has been at St. Luke's.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Jane Harter shares the joy that son Daniel's surgery went well and that latest test results show that no further treatment is needed! **Gayne & Beverly Marriner** give thanks for all the great volunteers of the Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot. **Shirley Brandon** thankful Frances is home from hospital and recovery is one day at a time. **Carolyn & Larry Miller** give praise that they are continuing to heal and grow stronger. **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for the Thursday night Men's Group & Stephen Ministries and for the opportunities to serve.

SYMPATHY TO:

Audrey Vigilanti thanks everyone for prayers for **Ricky Sterner**, who lost his battle & went home to the Lord. **Gary Jerabek** on the passing of **John Wilson**, the father of son-in-law.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS:

Melissa Day, post treatment care. **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 Matakavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, Christy Hume, and Jane Kempfer.

Committee on Staff/Parish Relations: Dave Siegfried, Andrew Krpata, Mike Matakavage, 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 Matakavage, 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 Matakavage (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.