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Week three of seven



## Journey of Stones

### What's up in worship?

**Today:** "Sticks and Stones" (John 8:1-12) It would be a relief if we could say we didn't throw rocks anymore, especially at our fellow human beings. But let's face it: Every time we stand in judgement, a proverbial rock hits its mark. Contrast Jesus' word to the woman. Brothers and sisters, sticks and stones still hurt.

**Next Week:** Bringing us a reminder of Ash Wednesday, Bob will bring the message about hearts of stone. When challenged about their legalism – the rule-following – rather than the intention behind it – to be Christ-centered, just and compassionate – the pharisees' hearts were hardened, and they responded with ridicule and criticism and rejection. What's more important? The law or the spirit of the law?

#### 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? To get on the list email [SueK@wesleychurch.com](mailto:SueK@wesleychurch.com) or sign up at the *Connections Corner* table.
- **Be sure to check out your e-news for information on ongoing groups and classes for personal growth.**
- Youth Group – Tonight in Fellowship Hall 6:00-8:00
- **Monday, March 25 at 7:30 in the Chapel – Camping Outreach Presentation. Connect with Chris Foster.**
- Saturday, April 13 in Fellowship Hall – We Got Your Back - Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Auction. Doors open at 5:30, Dinner served at 6:00, Auction starts at 7:00. Connect with Sue Kiefner.
- **Saturday, April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes served from 9:00-11:00. Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00. Sign up in Atrium.**

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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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #3: 3rd Sunday in Lent

### † Welcome and Greeting

Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

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

*Your Grace is Enough and I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)* The Ensemble

### † Scripture

John 8:1-12

Chris Jacobsen, Reader

### Children's Message

Andrew Krpata, Pastor

### Congregational 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

*Forever Reign*

The Ensemble

### Message

"Sticks and Stones"

Pastor Andy

### Response

*Jesus, Friend of Sinners (Casting Crowns)*

The Ensemble

During the Ensemble's musical response, the congregation is invited to come forward with the stone given to you when you entered the sanctuary and leave it where it belongs – at the foot of the cross. Please note – this rock we hold may be the rock that holds personal judgement against sin. It is our choice to leave the judgement to God – and the rock on the table. But if you struggle in this area, you are welcome to bring it home with you, and much like the original rock, be responsible for it while you consider what to do with it. There is grace enough to bring it back next week and lay it down.

Be blessed either way.

Jesus, Friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away  
We cut down people in Your name, but the sword was never ours to swing  
Jesus, Friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see  
The world is on their way to You, but they're tripping over me  
Always looking around but never looking up; I'm so double minded  
A plank-eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided

(Chorus) Oh, Jesus, Friend of sinners

Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers  
Let our hearts be led by mercy; help us reach with open hearts and open doors  
Oh, Jesus, Friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks Yours

Jesus, Friend of sinners, the one who's writing in the sand  
Make the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands  
Help us to remember we are all the least of these  
Let the memory of Your mercy bring Your people to their knees  
Nobody knows what we're for only what we're against when we judge the wounded  
What if we put down our signs crossed over the lines and love like You did? (to chorus)

You love every lost cause; You reach for the outcast  
For the leper and the lame, they're the reason that You came  
Lord, I was that lost cause and I was the outcast  
But You died for sinners just like me, a grateful leper at Your feet  
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures forever  
You are good, You are good, and Your love endures forever (to chorus)

### Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

### † Closing Song

*This is Amazing Grace*

### † Closing Words and Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

## Classic Worship Order

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019: **Journey of Stones Week #3: 3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude**                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. P. Keveren)                      Becky Graybeal, piano

† **Welcome and Greeting**                      Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship  
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† **Opening Hymn**                      *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*                      #371, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

**Special Music**                      *O How He Loves You and Me* (K. Kaiser)                      Kinderchor Children's Choir

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**Offertory**                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (arr. C. Berry)                      Becky, Piano

† **Doxology**                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      #95, UMH

† **Scripture**                      John 8:1-12                      Kelly Hines, Reader

† **Hymn**                      *There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy*                      #121, UMH

**Message**                      "Sticks and Stones"                      Andrew Krpata, Pastor

**Response**                      *Call to Remembrance* (arr. R. Farrant)                      Chancel Choir

During the Choir's musical response, the congregation is invited to come forward with the stone given to you when you entered the sanctuary and leave it where it belongs – at the foot of the cross. Please note – this rock we hold may be the rock that holds personal judgement against sin. It is our choice to leave the judgement to God – and the rock on the table. But if you struggle in this area, you are welcome to bring it home with you, and much like the original rock, be responsible for it while you consider what to do with it. There is grace enough to bring it back next week and lay it down.

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Call to remembrance, O Lord; Call to remembrance, O Lord  
Call to remembrance, O Lord; Call to remembrance, O Lord  
Thy tender mercy and Thy loving kindness/Which have been ever of old, ever of old  
Which have been ever of old/O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth  
But according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord  
But according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord for Thy goodness

**Community Connections**                      Please see front of bulletin.

† **Closing Hymn**                      *Are Ye Able*                      #530, UMH

† **Benediction and Response**                      *Into My Heart* (H. D. Clarke)                      Chancel Choir

Into my heart, into my heart/Come into my heart, Lord Jesus  
Come in today, come in to stay/Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

† **Postlude**                      *Sonata Op. 49, No. 2 – Allegro, ma non troppo* (L. Beethoven)                      Becky, Piano

## WESLEY BULLETIN PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

MARCH 24, 2019

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell Him what you need and thank him for all he has done."*

Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

### March 17

**Becky Adamson** prayers for my surgery on March 26<sup>th</sup>. **Donna Giardina** for my cousin, Sharon, who lost her husband. **Nicole & Christian Lockhart** ask prayers for the people of New Zealand. **Frank Madura** God's healing for Chuck, Joe & Dennis, all with cancer. God's wisdom as my mother's caregiver. God's guidance for all seeking employment. The **Marriner Family** asks prayers for granddaughter, Kyla (pregnant and with pneumonia), and son, Knox (flu), and moving to another house that does not have termites. **Kasey Renowden** for prayers for Donna, knee surgery complications; Brenda, Karen, Jacquie with cancer; Hank, Betty & Charlie (100 years old) for health concerns; Jeffery Tabor on passing of his mother. **Spoken Prayers: Sherri Feuerstein**, fell & chipped hip; **Agnes Smith**, Hospice; **Ken Niewoehner**; **Andy, Kereczman, Melissa Day, Joe Schultz**, cancer recovery; the **Youth Conference** held at Wesley; **New Zealand** massacres. **Forrest Taylor's** service next Saturday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley.

### JOYS AND PRAISES:

**Christian Lockhart** gives thanks for the work of the church council and their dedication, open minds, and desire to continually make Wesley a home for everyone. **Frank Madura** gives praise to God for His forgiveness and mercy and the opportunity to serve.

### CONTINUED HEALING/PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Melissa Day** new health cares. **Kelly Hines'** father, Parkinson's disease. **Tom Keel**, foot surgeries & rehab. **Andy Kereczman**, cancer. **Beverly Marriner**, pain relief. **Carolyn & Larry Miller**, prayers for healing. **Ken Niewoehner** for strength of mind, heart & body & for **Phyllis**, caregiver. **Chuck & Wendy Stehly** for Jeff, brain cancer; for Ivelisse, breast cancer; Jennifer Grube, cancer. **Frank Vitale**, cancer. **Diana Rivera**, serious eye problems. **Bev** (WCOF preschool teacher) knee replacement.

### THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

**At Home** George & Martha Danner, Naomi Jones  
**Abington (Easton)** Sylvia Thele  
**Gracedale** Jane Sandt, Dorothy Coolin  
**Kirkland Village** Barbara Guldner

**Moravian Village** Agnes Smith  
**Sterling Heights** Peggy Jacobson  
**Traditions of Hanover** Marian Jeffery  
**Westminster Village** 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, and Christy Hume.

**Committee on Staff/Parish Relations:** Dave Siegfried, Andrew Krpata, Mike Maticavage, Karen Marmaras, Meg Ksenzakovic, Liz Lewis, Mike Krom, Jaimee Walters, Samir Kakade and Nicole Lockhart.

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**Church Council:** Christian Lockhart (chairperson), Mike Maticavage (Lay Leader), Karen Marmaras (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Chris Foster (Alternate to Annual Conference), Jason Walters (Social Justice Ministries), Sue Kiefner (Outreach & Ministries), Ryan Adamson (Representative of UM Youth), Kailyn Whipple (Young Adult Representative) and Christine Bainbridge (Member at Large).

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!**