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Week five of seven



Journey of Stones

What's up in worship?

Today: Jesus asked his friends about his identity. They took a stab at it. Then he asked who THEY thought he was. And Peter, without hesitation (and perhaps without thinking) called Jesus the Christ. This Sunday we recognize the times we hesitate to share our faith or look for the Sunday School answer to describe our relationship with Jesus rather than offer our immediate, gut-level faith of a disciple like Peter. Today, we let go of the stone of shaky faith, and re-confess that Jesus is Lord.

Next Week: Palm Sunday sends us into the final week of Jesus' life. As we wave branches, we ask what kind of reception Jesus has in our own hearts? Some in our world would rather us be silent – to stop talking about Jesus. But then the very stones would cry out. This is no time to be quiet. In fact, has there ever been a more necessary time to shout his praises? The stone of silence – that which keeps us mute about the grace of God in Jesus Christ must be laid down.

Today's Community Connections:

- The chancel flowers today are offered by Jane and Neal Griffing in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary, Jim and Sallie Bambu in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary, and the Schneck family in memory of Tom.
- 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 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.**
- 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.
- Palm Sunday: Single Blended Palm/Passion service April 14 at 10:00am
- Maundy Thursday: April 18 at 7:30pm
- Good Friday: April 19 at 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday: April 21, Contemporary at 9:00am and Classic at 11:00am
- **Youth Group: Tonight, in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00. Bring a friend!**

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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

April 7th, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #5: 5th 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

Only King Forever and Good, Good Father

The Ensemble

† Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Christine Bainbridge, 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!

Message

"Upon This Rock"

Pastor Andy

Musical Response

What a Beautiful Name (Hillsong Worship)

The Ensemble

You were the Word at the beginning/One with God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation/Now revealed in You, our Christ

(Chorus) What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us/So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater/What could separate us now?

(Chorus) What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You/You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory/For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal/Now and forever, God, Your reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory/Yours is the Name above all names

(Chorus) What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus (2x)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please see the insert (spoken responses only).

All are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist tradition. 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. The congregation is also 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. This rock we hold may represent our struggle to keep a vibrant faith. It is our choice to offer a bold faith... and leave 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. Songs during Communion: *Jesus and Great Are You Lord*. Please join in the singing!

Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

† Closing Song

We Believe

† Closing Words and Dismissal

† invites all to stand, if able.

Classic Worship Order

April 7th, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #5: 5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Jesus, Still Lead On* (arr. P. Manz) Frank Arbushites, organ

† **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!

† **Opening Hymn** *Christ for the World We Sing* #568, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

The Sacrament of Baptism: Ethan James Gygrynuk (Kevin and Christine) page 39, UMH

Special Music *The Gospel Feast* (arr. J. Krug) Klangchor

Congregational Prayer

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† **Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #454, UMH

† **Scripture** Matthew 16:13-20 Carolyn Miller, Reader

Message "Upon This Rock" Pastor Andy

Musical Response *Cornerstone* (arr. L. Larson) Chancel Choir

My hope is built on nothing less/Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame/But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love/Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face/I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale/My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love/Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all (repeat)

When he shall come with trumpet sound/O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone/Faultless stand before the throne
Christ alone, Cornerstone/Lord of all

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Community Connections Please see front of bulletin.

† **Closing Hymn** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* #357, 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** *Prelude and Fugue on B-A-C-H* (J. S. Bach, arr. S. Saxton) Frank, Organ

*"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 31

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. **Carolyn Miller** job for Kassandra in area of social work. **Nicole Lockhart** for Christian to feel better and Olivia's ongoing medical issues. **Deb Silliman** for Aunt Carol's recovery from shoulder surgery, for Kathy's recovery from heart surgery, for young families going through difficult time.

JOYS AND PRAISES:

Frank Madura gives praise to God for His forgiveness and mercy and the opportunity to serve.
Sandy Kereczman gives praise for continued healing in Andy

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.

SYMPATHY TO:

For the family of **Agnes Smith** who went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 23rd.

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

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 Matacavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, and Christy Hume.

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

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

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Church Council: Christian Lockhart (chairperson), Mike Matacavage (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!**