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Week four of seven



## Journey of Stones

### What's up in worship?

**Today:** 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?

**Next Week:** Has there ever been a time in your life when "the curtains were opened up" and you had a clear view of Jesus, as Peter did? When did that happen? What did you see? Next week, we will be challenged to consider our own answer to the question, "Who do you say Jesus is?" Hopefully, our answer will reflect Peter's – not a guess based on what others say. Our stones we leave will be those of unbelief, insecurity, and/or lack of courage.

#### **Today's Community Connections:**

- **The chancel flowers today are offered by Carolyn and Larry Miller in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!**
- 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.**
- 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 2, Contemporary at 9:00am and Classic at 11:00am**
- **Vacation Bible School: June 24-28**

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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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #4: 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Jesus Loves Me*

The Ensemble

### † Scripture

Luke 11:37-52

Chris Foster, Reader

### Children's Message

Deb Silliman, Director of Children's Ministries

### 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

*I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)*

The Ensemble

### Message

"Hearts of Stone"

Bob

### Response

*Keep Making Me (Sidewalk Prophets)*

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 judgment against sin. It is our choice to leave the judgment 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.

Make me broken so I can be healed  
'Cause I'm so calloused and now I can't feel  
I want to run to You with heart wide open/Make me broken

Make me empty so I can be filled  
'Cause I'm still holding onto my will  
And I'm completed when You are with me/Make me empty

(Chorus) 'Til You are my one desire

'Til You are my one true love

'Til You are my breath, my everything

Lord, please keep making me

Make me lonely so I can be Yours

'Til I want no one more than You, Lord

'Cause in the darkness I know You will hold me/Make me lonely

(Chorus) 'Til You are my one desire

'Til You are my one true love

'Til You are my breath, my everything

Lord, please keep making me

I know You'll keep making/Lord, please keep making me

### Community Connections

Please see front of bulletin.

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† Closing Song

*Every Move I Make*

† Closing Words and Dismissal

## Classic Worship Order

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019: Journey of Stones Week #4: 4th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

*Choral Dorian* (Jehan Alain)

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

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

#295, United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

Congregational Prayer

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**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.**

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Offertory

*I Will Arise*

Chancel Choir

I will arise and go to Jesus/He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior/Oh! there are the thousand charms  
Teach me some melodious sonnet/Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it/Mount of Thy redeeming love  
Come, thou fount of every blessing/Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing/Call for songs of loudest praise  
I will arise and go to Jesus/He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior/Oh! there are the thousand charms

† Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#95, UMH

† Scripture

Luke 11:37-52

Karen Marmaras, Reader

† Hymn

*Take Time to be Holy*

#395, UMH

Message

"Hearts of Stone"

Bob

Response

*I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills* (C. Moksleust)

Celebration Ringers

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Community Connections

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† Closing Hymn

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

#465, UMH

† Benediction and Response

*Into My Heart* (H. D. Clarke)

Chancel Choir

MARCH 31, 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 24

**Dave & Donna Appolloni** prayers for friend, Janet, who lost her husband of 52 years on 3/22/19. **Laurie Bilheimer & Scott Stackhouse** ask continued prayers for healing of blood clot in Stephen's leg and for God to be with him for his months of recovery (addiction). He is doing well. **Shirley Brandon** asks prayers for sister-in-law, Frances, with lupus taking over most of her major organs. Thank you. **John & Carol Covert** ask prayers for son, Ron, with thyroid cancer. **Donna Giardina** asks prayers for Aunt Nan who had a heart attack. **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. **Terry Nighan** asks prayers & healing for son, Justin, and friends, Robert, Joe & Rich. Also, prayers of guidance as we work together and support Vacation Bible School. **Kasey Renowden** asks prayers for Brenda, Karen, and Jacquie with cancer; Hank, Charlie, and our families for courage and understanding. **Lin & Ray Robey** for continued prayers for healing for Donna, Penny, Shirley & Stephanie, and prayers for grandson, Derek. **Becky Adamson** prayers for my surgery on March 26<sup>th</sup>. **Spoken Prayers:** Becky Adamson with surgery; for Joe Schultz improving; Diana Rivera with health problems; Ken & Phyllis Niewoehner; Melissa Day, Andy Kereczman, & Sherri Feuerstine for continued healing.

### JOYS AND PRAISES:

The **Appolloni family** shares joy that daughter, Faith, wants to be married at Wesley Church this year. **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 Matakavage, Chris Jacobsen, Brian Graybeal, and Christy Hume.

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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!