

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
 - **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
 - **Remain seated as we sing the opening hymn and praise songs.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

William Ness, organ, Istan Slamet, clarinet

Pastorale for clarinet and organ

Peter Mathews 1945

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: Let us come before God with open heart;

Many: Let us bring our broken dreams, our conflicts, and our grief.

One: For God is good and out of sorrow will come new gladness.

Many: God will fill us again with power to sing with joyful hearts.

Hymn

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

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When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain
that we would rather sit and weep or stand up to complain,
remind us, God, you understand the burdens that we bear;
you, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.

When we are called to sing your praise and cannot find our voice,
because our losses leave us now no reason to rejoice,
remind us, God, that you accept our sad laments in prayer;
you, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.

When we are called to sing your praise and life ahead looks grim,
still give us faith and hope enough to break forth in a hymn,
a thankful hymn, great God of Love, that you are everywhere;
you walk the shadowed way with us and keep us in your care.

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, you alone can bring gladness to our hearts, spirits, and souls. We come seeking your light and truth, yet we are people of darkness, prone to deceit. In the light of your holiness, help us to see ourselves as we are. Help us to stand before you as we are, trusting not in ourselves but solely in the power of your love to clothe us in the righteousness of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind.
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

Unto The Lord Be The Glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Children's Conversation

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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.

Anthem

Wesley Choir, Istan Slamet, clarinet

Lenten Song

Mark Hayes b. 1944

All ye that pass by,
To Jesus draw nigh:
To you it is nothing that Jesus should die?
Your ransom and peace,
Your surety He is;
Come, see if there ever was sorrow like His.

He dies to atone
For sins not His own;
Your debt He hath paid, and your work He hath done.
Ye all may receive
The peace He did leave,
Who made intercession, "My Father, forgive!"

For you and for me,
He prayed on the tree;
The prayer is accepted, the sinner is free.
That sinner am I,
Who on Jesus rely,
And come for the pardon God cannot deny.

His death is my plea;
My advocate see,
And bear the blood speak that hath answered for me:
He purchased the grace which I now embrace:
O Father, thou knowest He died in my place!
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. For He died in my place.

Charles Wesley alt.

*Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Musical Selection

Medwin Quartet of WPI
Franz Josef Haydn 1732-1809

Allegro con spirito from Quartet in G Major, Op. 76, no. 1

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

Choral Kyrie

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

*Please Stand in Body or in Spirit

Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

*Shalom

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Canon in D

Medwin String Quartet
Johann Pachelbel 1653-1706

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Medwin Quartet of Worcester Polytechnic Institute:

Ryan Darcey, Bo Fioretta, violin

Darren Kwee, viola

Emma DeMartino, cello

The Canon in D was first popularized by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra just before the second world war. Since that time this work has become the most famous Baroque piece of music known worldwide played for many public or private ceremonies. Many musical arrangements exist and today we hear it as close to its original intent performed on four string instruments as Pachelbel composed it.

Many thanks to the Medwin Quartet for their beautiful playing in worship this morning. Also, we appreciate and thank Dr. Abigail Koo in arranging the quartet to be with us today.

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