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GROUNDHOG DAY

Because I'm not a cold weather fan, Groundhog Day (Sunday, February 3) holds more interest for me than usual. According to legend, if the groundhog emerges from his den today and sees his shadow he retreats back in to prepare for six more weeks of winter. Needless to say, I'm hoping for a cloudy day. I like it warm and like many of us, I want what I want and can manage to complain about things like the cold even when I live and work in a climate controlled environment.

What I really associate Groundhog Day with is one of my favorite movies starring Bill Murray, which has the same name. The gist of the story is that Bill Murray is a self-centered, egotistical newscaster who gets stuck in a time warp of sorts and has to live the same day over and over until he "gets it right." It is for him a process of learning what really matters in life. At first it seems that the idea of no consequences means he can do whatever he wants with total disregard for anyone but himself. But through a series of trials and failures, by the end of the movie he discovers that meaningful life is about learning to deny himself and serve and bless others (sounds a lot like the teachings of Jesus to me). If you've never seen it, I'm sure you can find it on your TV sometime today or if not, it's worth the time to find it on video.

As United Methodist and "Wesleyan" in our theology, we believe salvation (wholeness) is a process of growth in grace, of being "perfected" by God over time or being gradually restored in the image of God (which has been corrupted by sin). That's why we teach discipleship as a process and a practice. It means we grow through trial and error. Every day becomes a new day to try and "get it right." It is a process of becoming more and more like Jesus in our ability to love God and our neighbor, or as Paul put it, *"Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own."*

The same is true of the Church. As some of you have already heard and asked about, the United Methodist Church is getting ready to have a called General Conference (February 23-26) to talk about the future of the denomination and to look for some resolution on the long standing debate about human sexuality. I want to assure you that no matter what the denomination does, we will continue to be the church that we are and that you have come to love. However, because this will eventually be showing up on the news, if you are interested in what is before the Conference, I'll give a brief overview and answer questions this Wednesday night, February 6, after dinner from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering and Announcements

Ben Martin

Welcome to worship this morning. Thank you for joining us. If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor. Hearing assistance devices, several seat cushions, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex, and an usher will be happy to help you with them. Please fill out the attendance registration pad found in the pew, and remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service. We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship.

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Helen Hoffman

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Alleluia Canone

Mozart

- * **Hymn No. 126** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

- * **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
Nelle Bordeaux

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

- * **Gloria Patri No. 71** GREATOREX

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

8:45 Children ages 3 - 2nd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 103.

11:00 Children ages 3 - PreK leave through the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Preschool Children's Worship in Room 201. Children in grades K - 3rd leave through the door on the left side of the sanctuary to go to Elementary Children's Worship in Room 303.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer

James P. Owens

- * **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 80) Luke 17:11-19

Holy Communion**Invitation and Confession**

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

Offertory Solo (8:45)

How Great Thou Art

Ken Rimes, bass

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

There Is a Balm in Gilead

William Dawson

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all. *Refrain.*

Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

* **Doxology** No. 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Minute for Missions

Melissa Emery

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

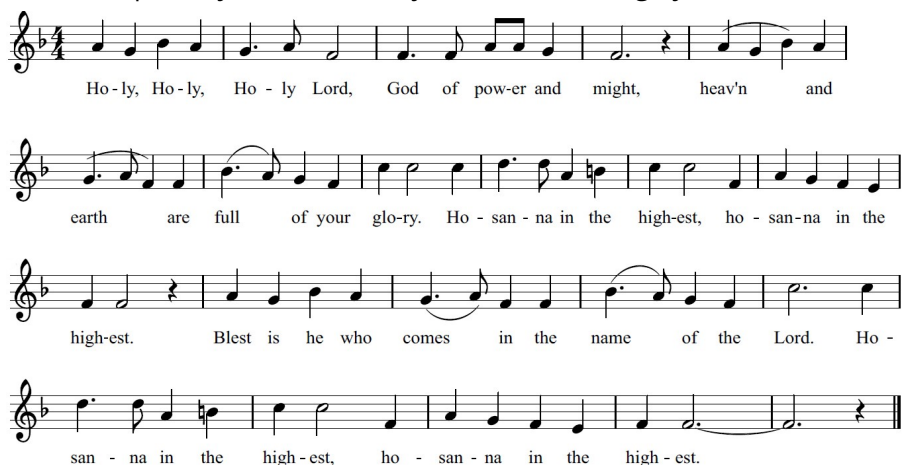
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

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



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

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:



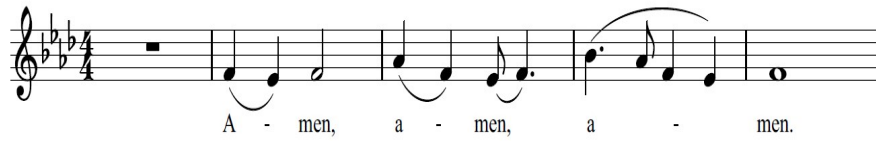
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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 Father, now and for ever.



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 that 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; For ever.
Amen.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

Today's communion offering is for the Greenbriar Children's Center. If you would like to give a donation, please leave your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Music During Communion (11:00)

Dance	Daniel Gottlob Türk
Minuet	J. S. Bach
Andrew Wilkes, pianist	
Prelude No. 1	J. S. Bach
Adagio, BWV 974	J. S. Bach
Partita 2, BWV 826	J. S. Bach
Andante, BWV 964	J. S. Bach
Rodney Powers, pianist	
How Great Thou Art	
Ken Rimes, bass	
Adagio Sostenuto from Sonata 14	Beethoven
Let Us Break Bread Together	
Just As I Am	
Simple Gifts	
Jacob's Ladder	arr. Berry/Powers
Rodney Powers, pianist	

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **Hymn Insert** Living for Jesus (stanza one) Chisolm/Lowden

Closing Response (11:00) Since By Man Came Death G. F. Handel
from *Messiah*

Closing Voluntary Chaconne, BuxWV137 Dietrich Buxtehude

* Please stand as you are able.

Immediately following each Service a docent is available by the grand piano to share with you a brief history of this Sanctuary and congregation.

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Children's Church/Worship Participation in Communion

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children's Church/Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor and thanksgiving of Betty Murray on her 96th birthday by her children and grandchildren.

Just Born

Congratulations to John and Bopsie Justice on the birth of a son, John William Justice, V on January 23, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Liam.

Evangelism Committee Meeting

Evangelism Committee will meet February 5 from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. in Nelle's study. All are welcome, even if you are not on the committee!

WCC Love Walk—Saturday, Feb. 9

Wesley Community Center of Savannah is gearing up for its most important fundraiser of the year, The Love Walk. The 3.6 mile walk begins at 9:00 a.m. at Wesley Community Center, 1601 Drayton Street. With the help of the Jim Walker family, our church is one of the major financial sponsors of the event. Registration forms are available in the church office and all sanctuary entrances.

Parlor Display of China

Please stop by Oliver Hall between now and February 17, to see the china display made possible by Wesley members.

Merry Makers Valentine's Program

Monday, February 11, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor of Oliver Hall. Wade Herring will present the program with lunch following. Please make a reservation through your Sunday School Class, the church office, 912-232-0191, or see Carolyn Cubbedge.

Share the Love: Urban Hope Children Need School Supplies

Especially needed: dry erase markers, pencils, erasers, construction paper (all colors). Boxes by all doors through February 14.

Next New Member Class

Sundays, February 17 & 24 at 10:00 a.m. with the class joining on 2/24. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Tiny Houses for Homeless Veterans

To help build, please sign up with John Beasley, 912-898-1616. Huge thanks to Nick Hitt, Carl Pedigo, Woody Brown, Randal Robinson, Pat Monahan, Jake Coakley, Jake Marbach, Ashley Barnwell, Billy Tedder, Melvin Croft, Peter Delters, Joel Hayes, and Missions chairman, Scott Cleaveland.

Finances: (01-27-19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$188,892.62
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$146,668.91
Construction Loan Balance	\$410,273.71

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart	Docent: TBD
Offering Steward: Britt Griffin	Children's Church: Kim Watson
Greeter: Donna Benson, Marion Thomas	
Ushers: Jerry Benson, Bill Tedder	
Communion Stewards: Joyce & Richard Zehl, Florence & Frank Anderson	
Acolytes: Evan Hart, Emily Hart	

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Sandra McGowen	Docent: TBD
Acolytes: Sara Livingood, Peter Thompson	
Greeters: TBD	
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson	
Ushers: Brian West, John Beasley, Bill Bland, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs	
Communion Stewards: Joyce & Richard Zehl, Florence & Frank Anderson	
Nursery: Infant: Susan Martin	Toddler: Annie Hitt
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Shazi Edmonds, Alix Lane	
Children's Worship K-3rd: Nikki Parks, Allison Willis	

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Luke 17:11-13	What keeps me "at a distance" from Jesus?
Tuesday	Luke 17:11-14	Is there anything I need to be obedient to that I am avoiding?
Wednesday	Luke 17:11-16	Am I so satisfied with being in church I don't seek Jesus' "face"?
Thursday	Luke 17:11-19	Is my life cleaned up on the outside, but not completely well on the inside?
Friday	John 1:35-46	What do I need to do to get a closer look at Jesus?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We focus our prayers on the work of Wesley Community Center and their Love Walk scheduled for February 9. May God richly bless their work with children in our community.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, February 3

- China Display, OH Parlor thru 2/17
- 8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, February 4

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 6:30 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship, OH

Tuesday, February 5

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, SSU
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 P.M. Cub Scout Troop Pack, EB 3rd Flr

Wednesday, February 6

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 11:00 A.M. Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 P.M. Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 P.M. Supper, FH
- 6:00 P.M. Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 P.M. Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 6:00 P.M. UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202, 203, 205
- 6:00 P.M. Children's Choirs, EB 301, 303, 305, 4th Flr
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, February 7

- Youth Ski Trip Thru 2/10
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

Friday, February 8

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place & Drop In Care
- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours

Saturday, February 9

- 9:00 A.M. Wesley Community Center Love Walk

Pastors on Call This Week

Sunday, (2/3) - Thursday, (2/7)
 Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835
 Friday, (2/8) & Saturday, (2/9)
 Carolyn Cubbedge... 912-308-3385

Wednesday Night Supper: 2/6/19
 Program: UMC General Conference
 Speaker: Ben Martin
 Menu:
 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes,
 Mixed Vegetables
 Children: Grilled Cheese

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (1/27/19)
 8:45 A.M. Worship 97
 11:00 A.M. Worship 392
Total Worship 489
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School 143
 Nursery (8:45 & 11:00) XX



In Our Prayers.....

Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Eva Cobb, Patsy Robinson, Rev. Matt Hearn, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Ana Molero-Pullin, Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, Stephanie Painter (daughter-in-law of Judi Painter), Diane Wells, Nicole Geen, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Harriet Bland, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Jim Davis, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Les Wilkes, Craig Hanson, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Melissa Krawitz, George LeMay, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Sherry Ingram, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Ann Lott, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Richard Bartels, Nancy Beckmann, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Sammy Reesman Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes)

At Home/Extended Care

Ann Ernst, Peggy Murphy, Bella Grace Bartels, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Georgia Dickerson, Grace Bockes, Becky Heckard, Hal Griner, Michael Mamalakis, Betty Weeks, Ryan Sailors, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten, Lillian O'Donovan

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts

In Sympathy....

The Cole Family
 on the death of Don's brother