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THE SEASON OF LENT

Today the season of Epiphany and this series of sermons comes to an end. This week is Ash Wednesday (our service is at 6:15 p.m. after dinner) and with it we begin the season of Lent. For forty days we will be moving towards the cross and ultimately Easter. Lent is a season of self-examination and repentance, therefore it is a season of prayer and fasting. Lent is also often associated with the practice of "giving up" something. Most of us choose things that we like but may not necessarily need. Giving up something for Lent is a form of fasting. The spiritual disciplines of self-examination and repentance go hand in hand and in fact are intended to compliment or complete each other. What good is self-examination without repentance (confession and a commitment to change) based on what God shows me about myself and my sin? In the same way, what good is fasting (emptying or giving up) without refilling and giving. If I choose to fast from something that takes my time, how will I fill that time with something that draws me closer to God? If I choose to fast from something that costs me money, where can I give what I save to bless God?

Sometimes we choose to fast from things that are not good for us as a means to be healthier. Most of the time we are thinking about physical benefits, but what about fasting from things that harm me spiritually or emotionally. Above all Lent is a time to fast from sin, which often takes the form of attitudes as much as actions. What if I fast from criticism and complaint and with the emotional energy I save offer praise or thanksgiving to someone? What if I fast from bitterness or resentment and offer back forgiveness, patience, and understanding?

We may think, "It's only forty days," but forty days is long enough to form a habit. Forty days is long enough to change our lives. Remember Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were not the same men after their forty days on the mountain with God. It could be the same with us. Join us this Wednesday night, March 6, as we take on ashes, the sign of our mortality and repentance.

Next Sunday I will begin a new series of sermons for Lent:

March 10	Genesis 3:1-13, James 1:12-16	Where Sin Begins
March 17	Luke 10:25-28, Romans 12:1-3	Protecting My Mind
March 24	Luke 10:25-28, Psalm 86:11	Protecting My Heart
March 31	Luke 10:25-28, Luke 4:1-13	Protecting My Soul
April 7	Luke 10:25-28, I Cor. 6:12-20	Protecting My Body
April 14	Matthew 21:1-11, 27:15-26	Where Sin Ends

MORNING WORSHIP

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

Last 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)

Andrew Wilkes

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradbury

* **Hymn No. 545**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

* **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

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 69-70)

Luke 9:18-45

Sermon

"An Epiphany: Mountains and Valleys"

Ben Martin

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

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

David Edwards, tenor

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

My God Is So High

Moses Hogan

Reid Robertson, tenor

Refrain:

My God is so high, you can't get over him.
He's so low, you can't get under him.
He's so wide, you can't get 'round him.
You must come in by and through the Lamb.

One day as I was a walkin' along the heavenly road,
my Savior spoke unto me, an' He fill' my heart with love. *Refrain*

I'll take my gospel trumpet, and I'll begin to blow,
and if my Savior help' me, I'll blow wherever I go. *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

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

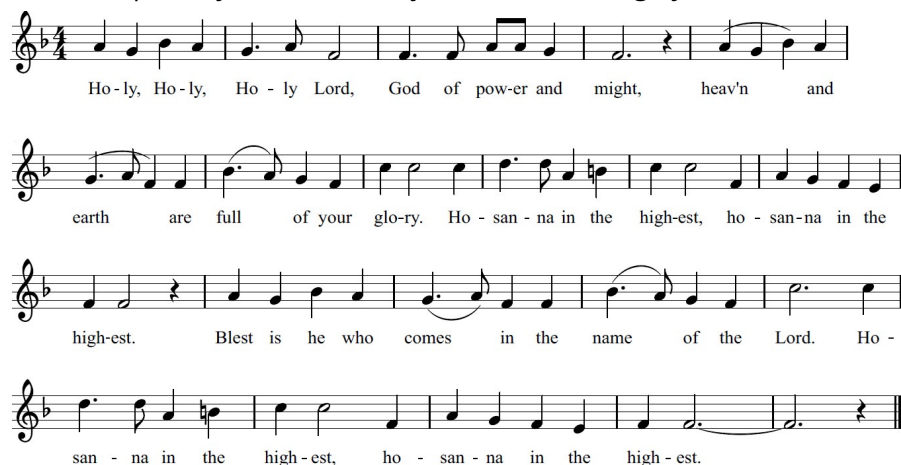
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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:



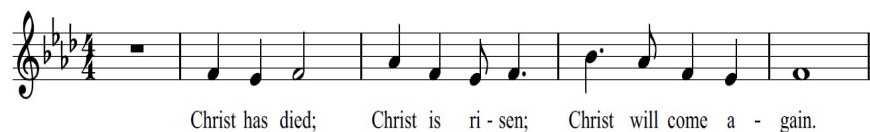
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.



A-men, a-men, a-men.

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 United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 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)

Minuet	Alexander Reinagle
Simple Song	Alexander Reinagle
Camille Wilkes, pianist	

Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten (We hasten with eager yet faltering footsteps)	J. S. Bach
Sheila Boone, Emily Davis, Ella Hayes, Katherine Grimmert, Kim Grimmert, Kara Mobley	

Andante, BWV 96	Bach
Fugue, BWV 826	Bach
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 No. 479	Jesus, Lover of My Soul	ABERYSTWYTH
	Stanza One	

Closing Response (11:00)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

John Rutter

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on Amazing Grace

arr. Grimoaldo Macchia

* 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 memory of Charles W. Holwell from his daughter, Adria H. Wilkes and family.

Thank You

For all who helped with the Spring Tea honoring Shepherds and New Members yesterday, especially hosts, Grace and Curtis Grund.

New Member Class

Today, March 3, from 10-10:40 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205; Wednesday, March 6, from 7-8 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, from 10-10:40 a.m. The class will join March 10.

"Educating Savannah's Future" by Superintendent Ann Levett

All are welcome, Thursday, March 7, 9:45 a.m., Skidaway Island UMC. Questions, Sharlene Monahan, 912-220-9617.

Merry Makers

Will meet on Monday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley Gardens. Ivan Chow will present the program on sketching. Lunch will follow the program. Cost is \$7.00. Please make a reservation through your Sunday school class or by calling the church office.

Finances: (02-24-19)

Total Budget for the Year.....\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....\$365,435.98
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date\$296,513.95
Construction Loan Balance.....\$407,871.18

Children's Programs on Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, March 6, there will be special programs for children 3 yrs old-3rd grade beginning at 6:00 p.m. Children (3 yrs old-PreK) will go to room 205 and children (K-3rd grade) will go to room 303. We'll have a lesson and make projects to be used at home through Lent. Both groups will finish at 7:00 p.m. The nursery will be open for children younger than 3 from 5:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and we will be serving supper in the nursery for children younger than first grade beginning at 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Everyone is invited to the youth group's St. Patrick's Day pancake breakfast fundraiser! We will be serving pancakes, bacon, and green grits on the morning of the parade (Saturday, 3/16) from 7:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 for adults/\$3 for children.

Oliver Hall Display of Baby Pictures

Next display in Oliver Hall will feature baby pictures of Wesley's adults. To submit a picture, see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge. The display will run from March 17-31.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (02/24/19)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	105
11:00 A.M. Worship	457
Total Worship	562
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	211
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	33

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart **Docent:** Lori Miller
Offering Steward: Ed Poenicke **Children's Church:** Charli Weeks
Greeter: Marion Thomas, Jeanne Poenicke
Ushers: David Butler, Bill Tedder
Communion Stewards: Peggy Jolley, Pat Killewald, Madge & Joe Edwards
Acolytes: Sarah Jean Yost, Savannah Yost

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Sue Ellis **Docent:** Linda Sapp
Acolytes: Taylor Mason, Caroline Kraeuter
Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul, David & Dorie Gaskin
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson
Ushers: Brian West, John Beasley, Bill Bland, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs
Communion Stewards: Peggy Jolley, Pat Killewald, Madge & Joe Edwards
Nursery: Infant: Beverly Hall **Toddler:** Erica Timmons
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Kristy Valdez, Susannah Pedigo
Children's Worship K-3rd: Emily Jones, Adeline Glidewell

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Luke 9:18-22	Why do I believe Jesus is the Messiah?
Tuesday	Luke 9:23-27	How have I embraced Jesus' call to self-denial?
Wednesday	Luke 9:28-31	Where is my "mountain" where I go to be alone with Jesus?
Thursday	Luke 9:32-36	If Jesus is The epiphany, what does he reveal to me?
Friday	Luke 9:37-45	What has God taught me in the valleys?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We focus our prayers on the work of United Methodist Women. Wesley will observe UMW Sunday on March 10, and present its annual service pin award to someone in the congregation who has given selflessly to further the work of the Church.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 3

- 8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:00 A.M. New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, March 4

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place

Tuesday, March 5

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Scout Troop Pack, EB 3rd Flr

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

- 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. Special Ash Wednesday Program for Children, 3 yrs-PreK, EB 205
K-3rd, EB 303
- 6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service, SNC
- 7:00 P.M. New Member Class, OH 205
- 7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, March 7

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study at Ruth's Chris

Friday, March 8

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place & Drop In Care
- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours
- 5:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal, SNC

Saturday, March 9

- 4:00 P.M. Wedding, SNC

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WG = Wesley Gardens Retreat Center	

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin 912-547-1835

Wednesday Night Supper: 3/6/19

Ash Wednesday Service
 Menu: Chili, Baked Potato Bar,
 Mac & Cheese and Broccoli
 Children: Chicken Nuggets

In Sympathy....

The Dixon family
on the death of
Stan's mother

The Hart family
on the death of
Norman A. Freniere,
father of Donna
grandfather of Emily & Evan



In Our Prayers.....

Adam Corey, Nick Hitt, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Eva Cobb, Rev. James McLendon, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Rev. Matt Hearn, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Lily Marler, 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, 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, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Sammy Reesman

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