



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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THE END IN SIGHT

The season of Lent is in the homestretch. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. The following Sunday is Easter and His triumph over death. But during the last two weeks, the cross casts a long shadow. It rises in the distance like a mountain slowly coming into view getting larger and larger with each passing mile. As the end approached, people began to fall away, turn back, give up, and go home. Jesus warned those closest to him that if they struck the shepherd, the sheep would scatter and that even those closest to him would deny him.

While Sundays are celebrated as "little Easters" and a reprieve from Lent (40 days not counting Sundays), those keeping time with Jesus and pushing through all forty days of the self-denying disciplines of Lent will not be able to take their eyes off the cross. Paul famously wrote to his protégé Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." That is our goal in Lent, to discipline ourselves in our war against sin that we might finish the race and keep the faith.

For the last four weeks we have been focused on sin, its pervasiveness, and how to protect ourselves. We've talked about what sin is and where it begins. We've looked at how to protect our mind through developing the "mind of Christ," by controlling input, taking thoughts captive, being immersed in the Word, praying without ceasing, and reorienting our thinking through the sanctuary of worship. We studied about the importance of protecting our heart, which is the seat of our will, that it might maintain the ability to direct the mind and the body in their fight against sin. We looked at surrender of the heart as the key to its freedom. Last week, we looked at how to protect the body from sin and the power of desire through a good understanding of the human experience as life in a body and the blessings and vulnerabilities that brings, and by the practice of spiritual disciplines. Today, we will look at our soul and pervasiveness of sin that has infected it. We will be asking how our soul can be restored from sin's damage. Finally, next week we will bring this to a close by looking at where sin ends.

I hope you will press on through Lent remembering Jesus said it would be through perseverance that we would save our souls.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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)

Haden Yost

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

To God Be the Glory

Sallie Rose Beckwith and Ansley Cheshire

* **Hymn No. 286** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORAL

* **Affirmation of Faith No. 881** The Apostles' Creed
Carolyn Hale Cubbedge

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

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 71, 501, 12)

Luke 10:25-28, Psalm 23, Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon

"Sin Part 5 - Restoring My Soul"

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

James P. Owens

Offertory Solo (8:45) Wade in the Water Jerome Elder, tenor

Offertory Anthem (11:00) arr. Gilbert Martin

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

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:

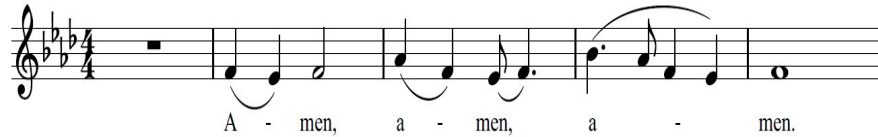
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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.



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 our Refugee Ministry. 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)

Adagio Sostenuto Op. 27, No. 2 Beethoven
 Rodney Powers, pianist

Wade in the Water
 Jerome Elder, tenor

Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2 Brahms
 Savior, like a Shepherd lead us / God leads us along arr. Faircloth
 Sarabande Edvard Grieg
 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. 294 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM
(stanzas 1 and 2)

Closing Response (11:00) Amen John Rutter

Closing Voluntary Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537
Johann Sebastian Bach

* 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 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 of the wedding of Caroline King and Taylor Faulk on April 6, 2019 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

New Member Class

Today and next Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. The class will join April 14.

Sidewalk Art Show Today!

Following the 11:00 service this morning, join us for a Sidewalk Art show hosted by our children. They will be displaying and explaining work they have done in Sunday School, Children's Worship, and Bible Buddies.

Merry Makers

Merry Makers will meet tomorrow, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jim and Melissa Emery will provide the program on their trip to Antarctica. Lunch (\$7.00) will follow the program. Please see Carolyn today if you would like to attend.

UMM Business Meeting - April 10

The United Methodist Men will meet Wednesday, April 10 with supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. in Oliver Hall room 310.

Finances: (03-31-19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$540,052.90
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$448,185.63
Construction Loan Balance	\$407,871.18

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

Books and Berries Looking for Readers - April 11

Please sign up, Nelle, 912-234-9245 to read a Bible storybook at Wesley Community Center, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Bring your Bible or storybook provided.

Easter Egg-stravaganza and New Playground Dedication

Thanks to the generosity of one of our families, we have a new playground at Wesley Gardens! We will dedicate the playground on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. Our annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt will follow the playground dedication. Our youngest children will be hunting for eggs and playing in the Main House and our elementary children will gather at the pavilion for crafts and games, and they will have a separate area for egg hunting. Cookies and lemonade will be available for everyone. Be sure to bring your Easter basket, bug spray, and a camera. Directions to Wesley Gardens on our website.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (03/31/19)	
8:45 A.M. Worship	103
11:00 A.M. Worship	359
Total Worship	462
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	184
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	30

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: TBD **Docent:** Jeanne Poenicke
Offering Steward: Jeff Miller **Children's Church:** Haley Herrington
Greeter: Lori Miller, Marion Thomas
Ushers: Phillip Carter, Josh Hayes
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen, Nancy & Woody Brown
Acolytes: Yost Yost

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene **Docent:** Linda Sapp
Acolytes: Anna Livingood, Sara Livingood
Greeters: Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Madge & Joe Edwards
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson
Ushers: John Beasley, Andrew Dekle, Mehmet Ergul, Charles Holley, Art McGowen, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs
Communion Stewards: Sandra & Art McGowen, Nancy & Woody Brown
Nursery: Infant: Courtney Lee **Toddler:** Annie Hitt
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Amy Daniel, Nikki Parks
Children's Worship K-3rd: Lindsay Thomas, Alix Lane

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Romans 3:9-19	What happened to the soul of humanity and how has the "fall" affected me?
Tuesday	Luke 4:1-13	What does the devil want from Jesus and what does he want from me?
Wednesday	Matthew 11:28-30	What makes my soul weary?
Thursday	Psalm 23	How does God restore my soul?
Friday	Romans 6:1-11	How can my soul be rescued from sin?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We focus our prayers on the work of our first responders whose quick and careful attention provide help and safety for our community.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, April 7

- 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**
- 12:15 P.M. **Children's Sidewalk Art Show, Front Sanctuary Entrance**
- 4:00 P.M. **Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr**
- 5:00 P.M. **Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr**

Monday, April 8

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**
- 11:00 A.M. **Merry Makers, FH**
- 6:30 P.M. **Bible Study Fellowship, OH**

Tuesday, April 9

- 7:00 A.M. **Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse**
- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**
- 9:00 A.M. **Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH**
- 11:00 A.M. **Staff Mtg, OH 205**
- 2:00 P.M. **Prayer Group, OH**
- 6:00 P.M. **Cub Scout Troop Pack, EB 3rd Flr**

Wednesday, April 10

- 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. **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**
- 6:00 P.M. **Confirmation Class, OH 205**
- 6:00 P.M. **Susanna Wesley Circle, OH Pergola**
- 6:00 P.M. **UMM Mtg, OH 310**
- 7:15 P.M. **Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr**

Thursday, April 11

- 9:00 A.M. **Eli's Place**
- 10:00 A.M. **Books & Berries, WCC**
- 10:00 A.M. **Messenger Brigade, OH 205**
- 12:00 P.M. **Bible Study at Ruth's Chris**
- 5:30 P.M. **Endowment Comm. Mtg, OH 310**

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

- 4:00 P.M. **Wedding, SNC**

Wednesday Night Supper: 4/10/19

Program:

Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope"

Teaching: Nelle Bordeaux

Menu: TBD

TBD

Children: TBD



In Our Prayers.....

Susan Owens (mother of Kim Keaton), Bonnie Montgomery, Richard Zehl, Avis Holt (mother of Rusty Holt), Chad Ebel, Shirley Vaughn, Bill Bland, Bob Franz, David Burke, Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Eva Cobb, Diane Wells, Rev. Jim 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, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Harriet Bland, Jim Davis, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Les Wilkes, Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron & Judy Freeman), Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Ann Lott, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Will Ronning, Vivian Wilson, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Richard Bartels, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Melinda Lanier, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Betty Murray, Anne Chase, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Becky Heckard, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Ryan Sailors, Linda McKibben, Bobbie Mattox, Lois Wooten

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, Clint Guild

In Sympathy....

The Sailors Family
on the death of *Ryan Sailors*
son of Mike and Jan Sailors,
brother of Michael Sailors

The Krawitz Family
on the death of Mark's son,
Mark Thomas Krawitz

The Mohr and Hitt Families
on the death of *Mary Burnsed*
mother of Vicki Mohr & Marilyn Hitt,
grandmother of Allison Hitt & Jeremy Hitt