



**Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018**

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February 2, 2020

**A Means of Grace**

This morning we once again gather at the "Lord's table" to share in the sacrament of communion. For John Wesley, communion was one of the means of grace, experiences in and through which we experience the unconditional, unmerited love of God. For that reason, our tradition has practiced an "open table." An open table means that you don't have to be a member of our church or denomination, you don't have to be a certain age (we bring children to the table), and you don't have to "have your life all together." It means the table might just be the place where we experience how much God loves us and open our hearts to a new or deeper relationship with Him. The Bible says, "*we know love by this Christ died for us*", and "*rarely would someone die even for a good person, but while we were still sinners Christ died for us*". That is grace, and that is what we offer at the table. While practicing an "open table," there is a particular invitation that is given, "*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.*" In other words, he invites all who want a loving relationship with Him and with each other, and are willing to recognize we fall short of that and need help. The "open" table is but one of many things we try to live out at Wesley as a loving, welcoming church fellowship and a place where we can come as we are but over time by grace through faith become as God made us to be.

I am blessed to be a part of a church who welcomes all to our fellowship and to His table. You may be new here today, just recently have found your way into our church family, or been here for years, but in every case, I pray that today as you come, you will experience the depth of His love for you through word, sacrament, music, and fellowship. Welcome to Wesley Monumental UMC and welcome to Christ's table this morning.

*Ben*

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 — 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)

Emmeline Kobek

### Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

### Introit (11:00)

Rise, Children, Gonna Praise the Lord

Spiritual

### \* Hymn No. 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

### \* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

Jennifer Thompson

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 - 3rd Grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship, held in Room 201.*

*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. 59)

Luke 2:41-52

### Sermon

"Letting Jesus Be Jesus"

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 Voluntary (8:45)

The God of Abraham Praise

arr. Mark Hayes

### Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world: Everything all around us.  
Look at the world: And marvel everyday.  
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share and every blessing.  
All things come of Thee.

### 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.

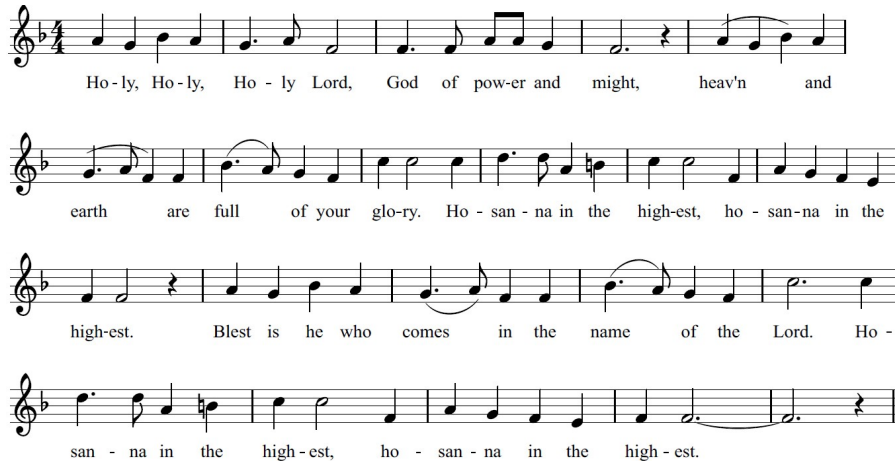
**Congregation:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**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:



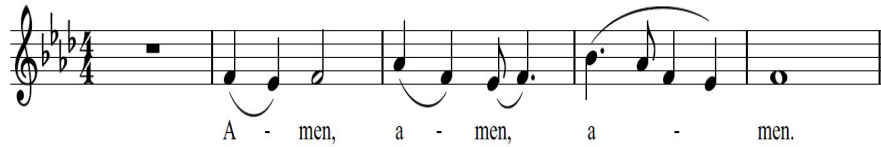
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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 designated 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)

Adagio

Anna Livingood, pianist

This Is My Father's World

Alleluia

Ralph Manuel

### 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**                      How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely                      DARWALL  
(stanzas 1 and 2)

**Closing Response** (11:00)              In My Father's House              Craig Courtney  
In my Father's house you will find a place  
with a warm embrace and an open door.

**Closing Voluntary**                      Bourrée from Concerto No. 1              G. F. Handel

\* 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 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 memory of JoAnn King, mother of Curtis Grund, who passed away on December 18, 2019 at her home in Monmouth, Oregon.

**Just Born**

Congratulations to Chelsea and William Edmonds on the birth of a daughter, Sadie Elizabeth Edmonds, granddaughter of Sherry Saferight, on January 15, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Sadie.

Congratulations to Stephanie and Dan Hoey on the birth of a daughter, Emily Caroline Hoey, on January 21, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Emily.

Congratulations to Amanda and J.T. Prather on the birth of a son, Matthaus Victor Prather, on January 22, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Matthaus.

**New Member Course Starts Today**  
Sundays, February 2 and 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. Nursery provided. Class will join February 9.

**Love Walk**

Join the Wesley Community Center Love Walk to stroll or run 3.6 miles this Saturday, February 8 at 8:45 a.m. at the center in honor of Mildred Walker and in memory of Jim Walker. Please sign up in advance and give your t-shirt size, tbordeaux@prodigy.net.

**Game Day at Wesley Gardens**

Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. - until, Brunch \$7. This year we are going to combine our Valentine's celebration with game day! Don your red clothing and come eat a yummy brunch prepared by Suzanna. Then, plan to stay and play games or enjoy time just visiting with others. Bring your favorite games or cards.

**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

**Attendance: (1/26/20)**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 8:45 A.M. Worship       | 103        |
| 11:00 A.M. Worship      | 417        |
| <b>Total Worship</b>    | <b>520</b> |
| 9:45 A.M. Sunday School | 133        |
| Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)  | X          |

**Finances: (01-26-20)**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Budget for the Year .....    | \$1,983,419.00 |
| Actual Revenues Year-to-Date ..... | \$227,587.19   |
| Actual Expenses Year-to-Date ..... | \$143,885.57   |

**Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:**

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| <b>Partners in Prayer:</b> Carmine Cowart                  | <b>Docent:</b> Jeanne Poenicke |
| <b>Offering Steward:</b> Britt Griffin                     |                                |
| <b>Ushers:</b> Henry Whitfield, Jerry Benson               |                                |
| <b>Greeters:</b> Susan Griffin, Pat Killewald              |                                |
| <b>Communion Stewards:</b> Peggy Jolley, Carol & Chad Ebel |                                |
| <b>Acolytes:</b> Sara Jean Yost, Haden Yost                |                                |
| <b>Children's Worship:</b> Charli Weeks                    |                                |

**11:00 Service:**

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| <b>Partners in Prayer:</b> Constance Campbell   | <b>Docent:</b> Linda Sapp |
| <b>Acolytes:</b> Julianna Jones, Greer Hollis   |                           |
| <b>Greeters:</b> Kim & Mehmet Ergul, Janet Wist, Linda Sapp   |                           |
| <b>Offering Steward:</b> Randal Robinson  |                           |
| <b>Ushers:</b> Brian West, John Beasley, Andrew Dekle, Mehmet Ergul, Fred Bozeman, Jim Pannell, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs |                           |
| <b>Communion Stewards:</b> Nancy & Woody Brown  |                           |
| <b>Children's Worship 3's &amp; PreK:</b> Amy Daniel, Alex Lane   |                           |
| <b>Children's Worship K-4th:</b> Neilie Dunn, Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez   |                           |

**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**February 2, 2020**

**Sermon Extended**

|           |                       |   |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| Monday    | Luke 2:41-42, 4:14-16 | How much did my family influence my faith?                    |
| Tuesday   | Luke 2:43-44          | Am I ever guilty of not paying attention to Jesus in my life? |
| Wednesday | Luke 2:44-49          | If I want to "find" Jesus, where should I look?               |
| Thursday  | Luke 2:48-51          | Am I guilty of wanting Jesus to be who I want him to be?      |
| Friday    | Luke 9:18-22          | Who is Jesus to me?   |

**Sermon Notes**

**As a Praying Church...**

We ask that you, Lord, be with our youth and youth leaders as they go on their ski retreat. Keep them safe as they travel and ski, and allow the trip to be an opportunity to draw closer to You and to others.

**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, February 2**

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship, SNC
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

**Monday, February 3**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 6:00 PM Wesley Gardens Comm. Mtg, WG
- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

**Tuesday, February 4**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, FH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH

**Wednesday, February 5**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 PM Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 6:00 PM UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
- 6:00 PM Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 PM Crazy Love Book Study, OH 308
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202/203/205
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB 303/304/305
- 6:00 PM Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

**Thursday, February 6**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 12:00 PM Downtown Bible Study, Ruth's Chris

**Friday, February 7**

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours, SNC

**Saturday, February 8**

- 8:45 AM WCC Love Walk, WCC

**Pastors on Call This Week**

Sunday (2/2) & Monday (2/3)  
Ben Martin..... 912-547-1835

Tuesday (2/4) - Thursday (2/6)  
Jennifer Thompson.. 229-726-7735

Friday (2/7) & Saturday (2/8)  
Nelle Bordeaux ..... 912-234-9245

**Wednesday Night Supper:**  
**2/5/20**  
Menu: BBQ Pork, Mashed Potatoes,  
Corn Casserole  
Children: Grilled Cheese

*In Sympathy....*

The Wallace Family,  
on the death of Susan's sister,  
*Sylvia Boone*

The Smith Family  
on the death of Malinda's mother,  
*Sandy Davis*

**In Our Prayers.....**

Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Sara Pitts, Ellie Tardif, Claire Hayes, Ash Grimmer, Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Karen Nickles, Mark Case, Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Leigh Conner, Sandi Dixon, Debby Warner, Chad Ebel, Gene Herrington (mother of Will Herrington), Joe Stubbs (father of Joe T Stubbs), Danny Wright (son of Betty Dudley), Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Bob Franz, Harriet and Bill Bland, David Burke, Abby (grand-daughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Les Wilkes, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Toni Olds, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Mark Thomas, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

**At Home/Extended Care**

Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten

**Military Serving Abroad/Stateside**

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild