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PRAYER

This month in response to the season of Lent, we are focusing our attention on prayer. It is the fundamental practice of every faith. Philip Yancey writes, *"According to Gallop polls, more Americans will pray this week than will exercise, drive a car, have sex, or go to work. Nine in ten of us pray regularly, and three out of four claim to pray every day. . . . (yet) . . . Everywhere, I encountered the gap between prayer in theory and prayer in practice."* Everyone seems to think prayer is important, but few of us seem to be comfortable with our practice of prayer." Hence the title of Yancey's book, "Prayer: Does it make any difference?" It would be good for us Methodist to remember John Wesley once said, "God does nothing except in response to prayer."

And so in that Wesleyan tradition, believing that prayer matters and prayer makes a difference to God and in us, we are studying about and I hope practicing prayer. You might recall that when we join the church we are asked to faithfully participate in the ministry of our church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Prayer is the first on the list for a reason. It is the foundation for everything else we do. Our Prayer Committee (Did you know we have a prayer committee?) is regularly presenting opportunities for us to be a praying church. We have Prayer Partners (people stationed in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings who are designated to pray specifically for our worship services), our Wednesday evening prayer time (in the Sanctuary 4:45-5:15 each week), our prayer request cards and prayer box, our prayer library, our weekly prayer list in the bulletin, and periodic times for prayer retreat at Wesley Gardens.

During Lent several Sunday school classes will be studying a forty day devotional book on prayer entitled "Draw the Circle." It challenges us to first pray about what God wants us to pray about and then to commit ourselves to fervently pray each day during Lent by designating a time and place to meet with God each day. Richard Foster said to learn to pray we have to learn to "waste some time on God." In the middle of overscheduled and busy lives, I hope during this season of Lent we might give up some extra time for prayer. I am sure it will make a difference for us personally, for our church, and for the world.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 — 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

First 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)

Ava Montjoy

Lighting of the Candles

The Acolytes

* **Hymn No. 139** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

* **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 - 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

Jennifer Thompson

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 354) 2 Kings 20:1-21

Sermon

“Set Your House in Order”
Part 1—Facing Mortality

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) Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace
David Cherwien

Offertory Anthem (11:00) Non Nobis, Domine
Rosephanye Powell
Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory.

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.

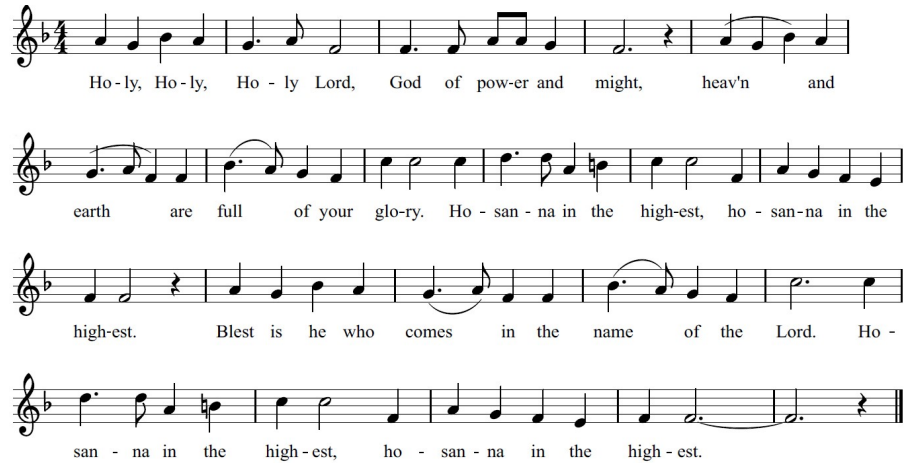
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 Wesley Glen Ministries (a South Georgia Conference ministry for adults with special needs). 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)

Lacrimosa from Requiem	W.A. Mozart
The Lamb	John Tavener
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	arr. Mack Wilberg
Shannon Vogel, flute	

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. 172** My Jesus, I Love Thee GORDON
(stanza 2)

Closing Response (11:00) Irish Blessing Bob Chilcott

Closing Voluntary Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Paul Manz

* 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.

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

March 1, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	2 Kings 20:1-11	Has anything made me really wrestle with my mortality?
Tuesday	Psalm 90	How can "counting my days" help me live "wisely"?
Wednesday	James 4:13-16	Am I presumptuous about tomorrow, next week, next year?
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 4:18-20	What keeps me from contemplating my mortality?
Friday	Luke 22:39-44	What do I learn from Jesus about facing my death?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We pray for the music ministry of our church. Be with the adults, youth, and children who participate in leading us in worship at Wesley, and please bless our choirs as they prepare for the Easter season. We thank You, God, for the staff and volunteers who serve you by leading others in this important ministry in our church. We also ask that you put your protective hand upon Monica, Andrew, and baby Remy.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, March 1

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
4:00 PM Youth Choir, EB 4th Flr
5:00 PM Youth Group, FH/EB 4th Flr

Monday, March 2

9:00 AM Eli's Place
6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trmb. Choir, SNC

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
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
1:30 PM Eli's Place Staff Mtg, FH
5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH Parlor

Wednesday, March 4

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 Sunday School Teachers Mtg, OH 207
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, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

9:00 AM Eli's Place
10:00 AM Docent Tours

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

**Wednesday Night Supper:
3/4/20**

Menu: Pork Teriyaki, Fried Rice,
Stir Fry Vegetables
Children: Spaghetti & Ravioli

In Our Prayers.....

Harper Blake, Rosemary Beasley, Pat Beasley, Ella Mae Hitt and Emma Louise Hitt (daughters of Annie and Jeremy Hitt and granddaughters of Marilyn and Nick Hitt), Sara Pitts, Ellie Tardif, Linda McKibben, Claire Hayes, Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Ash Grimmett, Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Mark Case, Karen Nickles, 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 Duley), 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 (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Cubreath), 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 Adrich), 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, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel)

At Home/Extended Care

Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, 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

In Sympathy....

The Jones Family
on the death of Barbara's mother,
Mary Radford