



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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July 5, 2020

Independence Day Worship

This weekend as we gather in our sanctuary for in-person worship for the second Sunday after a three and a half month break due to the pandemic threat, we do so on an Independence Day weekend where our nation is wrestling with more than a virus. The difficult thing for me is that worship is intended to truly be a sanctuary, a safe place of retreat from the world around us where our attention is focused on God and we reorient our lives and perspective. But this year, we bring all that in here with us. Masks, social distancing, the absence of our choir and congregational singing are all stark reminders that we are still in a pandemic. And when we gather for the worship of God on a weekend in which we normally celebrate our freedom and nation, this year we are confronted with a nation in turmoil wrestling with difficult questions about what it means for us to be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

But worship is more important now than ever. When we come to worship, we are reminded of who God is, what He has done for us in Christ, and we bring faith, hope, and love to bear on the problems that confront us. Paul reminds us that "our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against rulers, against authorities, against cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12). While it is important that we bring science, technology, and government as weapons against disease and injustice, it is equally important that we as people of faith bring "the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the word of God, and the power of prayer" to our struggle. As part of the people of God in America, we are called to bear a witness to what it means to be a light to the nation and a city on a hill where all people can come find the love and hope of God offered through us. So, welcome to worship. How blessed we are to be here together in the name of Jesus.

Ben

MORNING & AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 A.M. Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Wesley Gardens Retreat

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Martin

Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. Please 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.

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd Grade is located on the second floor. At Wesley Gardens Retreat, the nursery is located in the Grey Cottage and Children's Worship is held in the Main House.*

Please register your attendance: *If you are a Wesley member or regular attendee, text the total number of members in your household and the service you are attending to phone number 81010. (If this is your first time using Remind, text @wm316 to 81010. You may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent.") Once registered, reply with the total number of attendees in your household and service you are attending. If you are visiting, please text your name and total number of attendees to Rev. Ben Martin, 912-547-1835.*

Offering: *To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering/tithe box located at the main Sanctuary entrance or at Wesley Gardens Retreat, under the Pavilion. Online giving is also available on our website, wesleymonumental.org*

Prayer Requests: *Please email your prayer requests to Rev. Ben Martin, ben@wesleymonumental.org*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Christopher Butler

Lighting of the Candles (8:45 & 11:00)

The Acolytes

Opening Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00)

arr. Charles Ives

Variations on America

Opening Hymn

God of the Ages

NATIONAL HYMN

Malinda Smith, alto

Newman Smith, baritone

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19 (KJV)

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to neverending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

- * **Affirmation of Faith** 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.

Pastoral Prayer Jennifer Thompson

Anthem America the Beautiful
 Malinda Smith, alto Newman Smith, baritone

- * **Scripture** Philippians 3:1-11

Sermon "Philippians Series 8: Ben Martin
 Perspective and Priority"

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.

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:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

All: Amen

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 and Cup

We will all take communion in our pew. If you did not receive a cup on your way in, please raise your hand and an usher or staff member will bring one to you. Following the service, please place your cup in the trash receptacle located in the Narthex.

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.

Closing Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA
Malinda Smith, alto Newman Smith, baritone

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary (8:45 & 11:00) arr. John Philip Sousa
The Stars and Stripes Forever

* *Please stand as you are able.*
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Painter by Judi Painter and family.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.

William Williams wrote today's closing hymn, "Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah," in 1745. Williams beautifully uses imagery from the Old Testament book of Exodus to conjure a theme of God's guidance through struggle. The hymn text reminds us that God guides us today as He did in times of old.

The Stars and Stripes Forever

Today's closing voluntary is "The Stars and Stripes Forever." John Philip Sousa composed it on Christmas Day in 1896. Following an Act of Congress in 1987, the United States of America officially adopted the song as its national march.

Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the Church Office will be closed Monday, July 6 and Eli's Place will be closed July 6 - 10.

Wesley Community Center

Please bring groceries for Wesley Community Center families to the Oliver Hall entrance or drop off at Wesley Gardens. Especially needed for next week are cereal and pasta. Please no glass jars or expired items.

Refugee Efforts

Needed are a stroller, girls 3T and girls 5T and boy size 6 clothing for a newly arrived family from Afghanistan. Right now, we don't need any other clothing or furniture. They also need a volunteer to help with English lessons for this family. Please speak with Nelle, 912-234-9245.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (6/28/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	35
11:00 AM Worship	84
5:30 PM Worship at WG	33
Online Worship	112
Total Worship	264
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	1
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	13

Finances: (06-28-20)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$894,051.81
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$904,514.48

Help Needed at Wesley Gardens

Each Sunday evening at 4:30 p.m., we need a few volunteers to help with moving the sound system, setting up several small tents, etc. before the 5:30 service begins. If you can help, please let Ben know.

Emails from Wesley Monumental

If you have not been receiving two emails each week (one on Wednesday evening and one on Saturday) from Wesley Monumental, please email Jennifer Brookins, jennifer@wesleymonumental.org

August Messenger Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the August Messenger is Tuesday, July 7. Please email jennifer@wesleymonumental.org

New Member Course

Sundays, July 19 and 26, 10:00 a.m. Class will join as a group on July 26. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

Local Missions Week

The week of July 20-24, the youth group will hold a Local Missions Week. Each day, we will serve in our community right here in Savannah! Our projects will include painting, light construction, organizing donations, and assisting local ministries in their work.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Acolytes: TBD

Children's Worship: TBD

11:00 Service

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Reese

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Acolytes: TBD

Children's Worship: TBD

5:30 Service

Partners in Prayer: Grace & Art Greene

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

July 5, 2020

Sermon Extended

Monday	Philippians 3:1, Deuteronomy 8:11-20	Is there a warning from God I need to hear repeatedly?
Tuesday	Philippians 3:2-6, 2 Corinthians 5:21	On what basis do I measure my righteousness?
Wednesday	Philippians 3:3-9, Luke 5:1-11	Has anything changed my perspective on things I once valued?
Thursday	Philippians 3:10-11	This is Paul's goal, what is mine?
Friday	Philippians 3:10-11	What am I doing to better "know Christ and become like him"?

Sermon Notes

A large empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for handwritten notes.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, July 5

- 8:45 AM **Worship Service, SNC**
- 10:00 AM **Sunday School Classes, Zoom**
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service SNC/Online**
- 5:30 PM **Worship Service, WG**
- 6:30 PM **4th of July Cookout, WG**

Monday, July 6

Church Office Closed
Eli's Place Closed This Week

Tuesday, July 7

- 7:00 AM **Men's Bible Study, Zoom**
- 9:00 AM **Young Mothers' Bible Study, Zoom**
- 11:00 AM **Staff Mtg, OH 310**

Wednesday, July 8

- 11:00 AM **Bible Study w/Ben, Zoom**
- 7:00 PM **Small Group Choir Rehearsal, SNC**
- 8:00 PM **Youth Bible Study, Zoom**

Thursday, July 9

- 12:00 PM **Downtown Bible Study, Zoom**

Friday, July 10

No Scheduled Activities

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

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835



4th of July Cookout
Sunday, July 5
Following the
5:30 Service at
Wesley Gardens

Menu: Hamburgers with Trimmings, Chips, & Water

No cost for the take-out meal.

In Our Prayers.....

Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, Michael Grabowski, Edwin Chase, Robert Green (father of Elizabeth Delaney), Robert Wylie (father of Meaghan Wylie), Nancy Barnwell, Peggy Murphy, Joyce English (aunt of Officer Ricky Wiggins), Joel Williams, Cecil Abarr, Ellen Atkins, Barbie Lientz, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), The Dekle Family (Andrew, Monica, and Remy), Ann Lytle, Rosemary Beasley, Sara Pitts, Claire Hayes, Vera Mobley (mother of Christina Varnedoe), Bryan Bost, Roz Evans, Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Mark Case, Karen Nickles, Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Debby Warner, Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Bob Franz, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, 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, 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, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, 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

Harriet Bland, Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Linda McKibben, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, 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 Watts Family
on the death of John's mother,
Jean Watts