



***Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018***

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July 26, 2020

### **SERVING IN UNCHARTED TERRITORY**

King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, *"What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See this is new'? It has already been in the ages before us."* Pandemics are not new. However, the experiences of COVID-19 are undoubtedly new to us. Who among us could have ever envisioned a time when we didn't have school or church for months? This is an unprecedented time, and we find ourselves having to make decisions and being affected by decisions that no one was truly prepared to make. That is not anyone's fault, we've just never been there before. That makes every decision scrutinized and second-guessed, especially from the leadership of government, education, and religious institutions. I have pastor friends whose churches have not relaunched in-person worship, while we have now been back for four weeks, both with indoor and outdoor services. It doesn't make one of us right and the other wrong. We've all just tried to make the best decisions for our circumstances. Not having church is one thing, not having in-person school is another entirely. Seeing my own children working from home and having children at home, I recognize the challenges this poses to young families. And they are families that are fortunate to have jobs where they can work from home. Countless are the families who don't have that option and whose children are put in incredibly difficult positions. This is not a comment on the decision to not start school back in-person, but to ask the question of each of us, "What can we do to help"?

In last Sunday's sermon, I read a quote from an article describing early Christians in the Roman Empire. Here is a bit of the description, *"Christians stood out because they created a "miniature welfare state" to help the less fortunate. They took in infant girls routinely left for dead by their parents. **They risked their lives to tend the sick when plagues hit and others fled in terror.**"* I found that last line particularly relevant for us today. While we may not be tending the sick during this pandemic, we can be tending for those affected by this pandemic. While we are constantly having that conversation with our staff, it is something each of us should be exploring as an expression of our faith. *Who can I help? How can I help? Where can I help? What am I willing to risk or sacrifice in order to help?* Prayer is certainly important as we will touch on today in the message, but remember the effectiveness of prayer is often dependent on others being willing to be an answer to those prayers. If you see people for whom we can help you be answer to a prayer, please let us know. This is the time for our witness to the unconditional sacrificial love of God in Christ to shine brightest.

## MORNING & AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

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

5:30 P.M. Wesley Gardens Retreat

*Eighth 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 @wm316 to phone number 81010 to join the Worship Service Attendance thread. If you have already joined, you will receive a text message each Sunday morning reminding you to text the total number of household members worshiping and the service you are attending or if viewing online. If this is your first time using Remind, you may be asked to complete your name, phone number, and select "parent.") 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)

Jordan Hess

**Lighting of the Candles** (11:00)

The Acolytes

**Opening Voluntary** (8:45 & 11:00)

W. A. Mozart

Horn Concerto No. 3

Thomas Schandolph, trombone

**Opening Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Anna Ivey, soprano

Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano

Grace Grund, mezzo-soprano

Scott Cleaveland, tenor

Keith Ellis, bass

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

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

- \* **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.

- \* **Gloria Patri** (11:00)      GREATOR EX      Sara Livingood, soprano  
 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.

**Baptismal Covenant** (11:00)

Henry Mills Lane  
 son of Alix and Chris Lane

*Congregational Response:*

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Mills as a member of  
 God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By  
 God's grace we will do all in our power to increase his faith, confirm  
 his hope, and perfect him in love that he may grow into faithful  
 disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

- Doxology** (11:00)      OLD HUNDRETH      Sara Livingood, soprano  
 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.

- Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**      Jennifer Thompson  
 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 who 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.

- Anthem**      He Keeps Me Singing      Luther B. Bridgers  
 Anna Ivey, soprano      Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano  
 Grace Grund, mezzo-soprano      Scott Cleaveland, tenor  
 Keith Ellis, bass

- \* **Scripture**      Philippians 4:4-7

- Sermon**      "Philippians Series 11:      Ben Martin  
     Platitudes or Promises"

- Closing Hymn**      It Is Well With My Soul      VILLA DU HAVRE  
 Anna Ivey, soprano      Emily Davis, mezzo-soprano  
 Grace Grund, mezzo-soprano      Scott Cleaveland, tenor  
 Keith Ellis, bass

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well with my soul.

Thou Satan should buffet, through trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the date when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds, be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

**Reception into Church Membership** (11:00) Nelle Bordeaux  
Gillian Greer Meaghan Wylie

**Benediction** Ben Martin

**Closing Voluntary** (8:45 & 11:00) arr. Diane Bish  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

\* *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 Sally M'Liss Williams, who through her walk of faith forever inspired all who knew her by Alan Campbell.

### **Just Born**

Congratulations to Courtney and Guy Davidson on the birth of a daughter, Winslet Love Davidson, on July 15, 2020. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Winnie.

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

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** TBD

**Ushers:** TBD

**Partners in Prayer:** Henry Whitfield

### **11:00 Service**

**Acolyte:** Anna Livingood

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Greeters:** Kim & Mehmet Ergul

**Ushers:** Brian West, Justin Dunn, Tim Edwards, Mehmet Ergul,  
David Gaskin

**Partners in Prayer:** Mickey Rountree

### **5:30 Service**

**Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks, Haley Herrington

**Partners in Prayer:** Annelle McDuffee

### **Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members**

#### **Shred Your Stress**

Please bring a box of documents (or boxes!) to shred on Friday, August 14, from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on East Wayne Street between the two church buildings. Thanks to Savannah Shredding for donating this service.

#### **New Member Course**

Sundays, August 16 and 23, at 10:00 a.m. Class will join August 23. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191.

#### **Pump Iron in the Form of Canned Goods**

Especially needed are cereal, rice, pasta, and grits for Wesley Community Center. Please bring to box just inside Oliver Hall or to Wesley Gardens. Help feed needy families.

#### **Spark Joy**

Right now we don't need any furniture or clothing, but we do need Kroger gift cards (any amount) for refugee families.

### **Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life**

#### **Merry Makers Soon To Be "Making Merry" Once Again!**

Join us under the tent (at the pavilion) at Wesley Gardens on Monday, August 10 at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and a real treat! Our own Claire Frazier is going to be using her beautiful voice to share with us some of the hymns we have missed so much over the past few months. Please wear your mask. We will keep masks on except to eat. The meal - prepared by Susanna - will be brought to us in carry-out containers. If you would rather not eat under the tent, please feel free to take your meal home with you. If you wish to have a meal, the cost is \$7. Reservations are required so that we can set up enough tables to appropriately space everyone. To make reservations, please call the church office and tell Daphne or email Jennifer Thompson at [jennifert@wesleymonumental.org](mailto:jennifert@wesleymonumental.org) by Friday, August 7 at noon. When you make your reservation, please let us know if you plan to eat or not.

**James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries**

*Youth (6th-12th Grade)*

**Youth Bible Study via Zoom**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a Wednesday night Bible study via Zoom (video conferencing platform), each Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. Please contact James P. Owens for more info and for the Zoom link.



**A Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance: (7/19/20)	
8:45 AM Worship	65
11:00 AM Worship	75
5:30 PM Worship at WG	25
Online Worship Views	146
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>311</b>
Nursery (All 3 Svcs)	4
Children's Worship (All 3 Svcs)	8

**Finances: (7/19/20)**

Total Budget for the Year .....	\$1,983,419.00
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date .....	\$978,457.85
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$1,037,613.21

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Jennifer Thompson.....Congregational Life	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Dr. Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Skip Watts.....Music Assistant	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprunger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Haley Herrington.....Children's Ministry Assistant	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	



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**Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church**

**July 26, 2020**

**Sermon Extended**

Monday	Philippians 4:4, Psalm 34	How does praise help me in anxiety?
Tuesday	Philippians 4:5, Psalm 139:1-18	What can help me gain a sense of God's nearness?
Wednesday	Philippians 4:6, I Thessalonians 4:16-18	What can I thank God for even when things are bad?
Thursday	Philippians 4:7, John 14:25-27	Have I ever experienced this kind of peace? Ask God for it.
Friday	Psalm 100	Write a Psalm for a time of anxiety.

**Sermon Notes**

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**This Week at Wesley**

**Sunday, July 26**

- 8:45 AM   Worship Service, SNC
- 10:00 AM   Sunday School, Zoom
- 10:00 AM   New Member Class
- 11:00 AM   Worship Service SNC/Online
- 5:30 PM   Worship Service, WG

**Monday, July 27**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place Summer Camp

**Tuesday, July 28**

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

**Wednesday, July 29**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 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 30**

- 9:00 AM   Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 12:00 PM   Downtown Bible Study, Zoom

**Friday, July 31**

- 11:15 AM   Eli's Place Graduation

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

**Pastor on Call This Week**

Ben Martin ..... 912-547-1835

**Cookout at Wesley Gardens  
Sunday, August 2  
Following the 5:30 Service**

Menu: Grilled Chicken, Cole Slaw,  
Potato Salad

No cost for the take-out meal.

RSVP with number of meals to  
daphne@wesleymonumental.org  
by Thursday, July 30

*In Sympathy....*

The Harman Family  
on the death of Bob's mother,  
*Joanne Harman*

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

Grace Bockes, Craig Butler (father of Michael Butler), Esther Addis (grandmother of Leslie Shor), Theresa Fields, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Carla Thomas, Edwin Chase, Robert Wylie (father of Meaghan Wylie), Nancy Barnwell, Peggy Murphy, Joyce English (aunt of Officer Ricky Wiggins), Ellen Atkins, Barbie Lientz, Stephen Oden (nephew of Cameron Schmitz), Rosemary Beasley, 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), 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 & Family, Cheryl Richardson & Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenckel)

At Home/Extended Care

Harriet Bland, Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Georgia Dickerson, Lois Wooten, Michael Mamalakis,

Military Serving Abroad/Stateride

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