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Back to School, a New Sermon Series

This week many of our children will be heading back to school, and our "summer schedules" will return to more of a routine. While we won't begin our "School Year" schedule at Wesley in full swing until the week following Labor Day, I will start a new series of sermons that will take us through the rest of this year and into next year. I'm calling it "Back to Basics." I'll preach through the Gospel of Mark, which is widely considered the earliest gospel and the framework on which Matthew and Luke both based their gospels. Instead of picking the topic and searching for how the scripture speaks to it, we will just be listening through the whole gospel story and the life of Jesus for how it wants to speak to us. I would encourage you to prepare for the series by reading all of Mark's gospel in one sitting (It's only 16 chapters, about 20 pages of reading, less than a chapter in most novels). If you've never done that, you will find each gospel has its own "feel." Mark will be concise, fast-paced, and offers a powerful picture of Jesus as one with authority. While I think "less is more" in terms of reading the Bible for Spiritual formation (listening prayerfully to just a few verses or even a few words), it is a helpful exercise to hear the whole story of Jesus together. I will be preaching two or three sermons from each chapter.

Remember that tonight is this summer's final Sunday Evening at Wesley Gardens Retreat. We will have a time of Spiritual Formation with Christian Swails from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., worship from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m., and dinner at 6:15 p.m. If you haven't made it out for one of these restful and spiritually rich evenings, I hope you will make it tonight.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Tenth 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. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.*

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.*

Lighting of the Candles (11:00) The Acolytes

* **Hymn No. 159** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

* **Affirmation of Faith** 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** 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 on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up on the second floor.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Pastoral Prayer Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pgs. 35-35) Mark 1:1-15

Sermon "Back to Basics Part 1:
Good News, Bad News" 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)

arr. Joseph Martin

Bound for the Kingdom

Offertory Solo (11:00)

Surely the Presence
Andrew Payne, baritone
Savannah Voice Festival

arr. Lanny Wolfe

Presentation of Tithes and 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.

To tithe, text wesleymumc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

* 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.

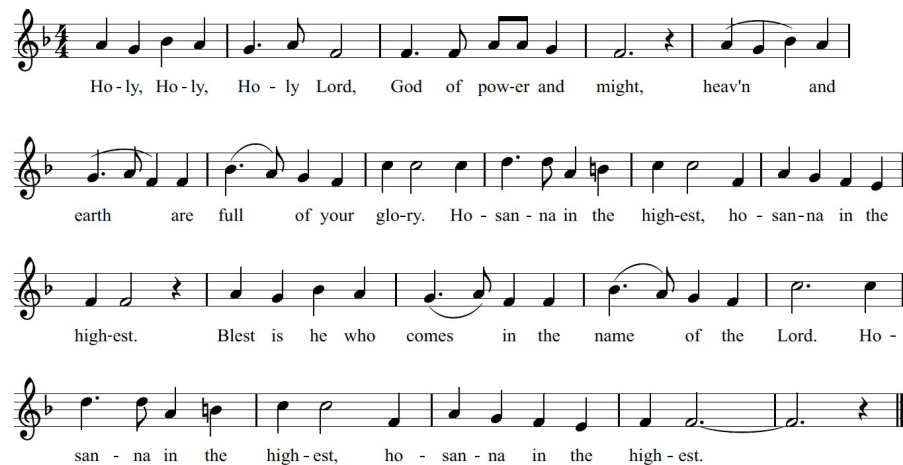
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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:



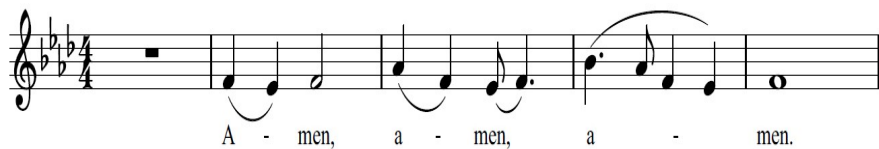
Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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

We will take communion at the rail. Today's communion offering is designated for the Fresh Air Home. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Communion Music (11:00)

arr. Albert Hay Malotte

The Lord's Prayer
Andrew Payne, baritone
Savannah Voice Festival

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. 616** Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast HURSLEY
Stanzas 1 and 2

* **Benediction** Ben Martin

Closing Voluntary Festival Toccata Percy E. Fletcher

* *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, in memory of Craig Hanson and in honor of Craig's second family, the Chancel Choir, by Kimberly and Mehmet Ergul.

Grocery Items Needed

Most needed this week is cereal. Please place donations in marked boxes located in Oliver Hall.

Journey Sunday School Class - New Study

The Journey Sunday School Class invites to their class anyone interested in a sixteen-week (no one has to stay for all 16 weeks) deep dive into the book of Matthew. The class will study Matthew through short but intellectually stimulating videos featuring two Yale Professors, followed by lively discussions of the subject matter of each chapter. Journey class meets in Oliver Hall, room 308, each Sunday, starting at 9:45 a.m. There are no strangers in this class; we are all adventurers together on our spiritual journey. In fact, no knowledge of the Bible is necessary, just a willingness to learn.

Communion Offering

Today's communion offering is designated for the Fresh Air Home, a summer camp for at-risk children and youth on Tybee Island.

Prayer Partners, Please Pick Up Bible Bookmark Today

If you signed up to pray daily for an Urban Hope or refugee child, please take home your Bible bookmark today with your child's photo from the table near the narthex.

Youth - Swimming and Tubing

Today, August 6, the youth group will meet at the dock at 3:00 p.m. at Wesley Gardens for swimming and tubing in the river! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join and stay for worship and dinner afterwards.

Promotion Sunday and Sunday School Teachers Needed

On Sunday, August 20, we'll serve breakfast in the fellowship hall, and the children will move up to their new classrooms. Sunday school teachers are needed for our pre-school and elementary classes. Lessons and art activities are prepared by staff each week, and adults serve 2-3 times a month. Call or email Charli if you feel God is calling you to this important work.

The Merry Makers are Back, Aug. 14!

Our senior adults' fellowship, The Monumental Merry Makers, will begin our regular meeting schedule beginning in August. Everyone is invited to join us for "Beat the Heat" Bingo at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Monumental. Lunch will be provided by Suzanna and our very own Skip Watts will be your expert bingo caller! Cost is \$7.

Finances: (07-30-23)

Total Budget for the Year	\$2,083,655.68
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,212,643.59
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,212,006.67

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

- Children's Worship:** Charli Weeks
- Communion Stewards:** Joyce & Richard Zehl
- Greeters:** Lori Miller, Ethel Burriss
- Offering Steward:** Jeff Miller
- Partners in Prayer:** Britt Griffin

11:00 Service

- Acolytes:** Virginia Carroll, Addison Conger
- Children's Worship:** Sarah Labrot, Carolyn Roth
- Sunday School:** Anne Tyre, Lindsey Wiggins
- Communion Stewards:** Pat Duffy, Vicki Dougherty, Judy Pitts
- Greeters:** Kim & Mehmet Ergul **Offering Steward:** Brian West
- Ushers:** Brian West, Mehmet Ergul, Ted Moore, Jim Pannell, Jon Pannell, Johnny Phelps, Willie Roberds, Ken Spriggs
- Partners in Prayer:** Adam Kobek

Children's Worship

Each week we need 6-8 adults to help in Children's Worship. No preparation is required. The lesson and art activities are prepared by staff during the week. On Sunday morning your responsibilities are to: shepherd the children from the Sanctuary to their classroom after the Children's Sermon, help serve snack, and help the children with their art activity. It is a fun and busy 40 minutes. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Wesley Gardens Retreat Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in August

Join us in August for an in-depth study by Bible scholar and ESV commentator Dr. Scott Hafemann. We will be looking closely at the Exodus/Passover-Redemption which is the foundation for all of God's saving actions, including the life and death and resurrection of the Messiah. Tuesdays, August 15 and 29, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Main House. Contact hello@wesleygardensretreat.com for details.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (7/30/23)

8:45 AM Worship	82
11:00 AM Worship	233
Online Worship Views	126
Total Worship	441
Nursery	11
Children's Worship	27
9:45 AM Sunday School	104

Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church

August 6, 2023

Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 1:1	If someone asked you "Who is Jesus?" What would you tell them?
Tuesday	Mark 1:2-8	How do I "prepare the way" for Jesus to be a part of my life?
Wednesday	Mark 1:9-11	Prayerfully imagine God speaking these words to you "You are my child, my beloved, with you I am well pleased."
Thursday	Mark 1:12-13	How is the devil tempting me these days?
Friday	Mark 1:14-15	What is the "good news" of Jesus I can "repent and believe in"?

Sermon Notes

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This Week at Wesley

Sunday, August 6

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, EB & OH
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 3:00 PM Youth, WG Dock
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, WG Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship Svc, WG Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, WG Main House

Monday, August 7

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 5:30 PM Wesley Gardens Comm. Mtg, WG

Tuesday, August 8

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 310
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 308

Wednesday, August 9

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, August 10

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place Summer Camp
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom
- 6:00 PM Mission on the Move Dinner, FH

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

Pastors on Call This Week

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

Sunday Nights at Wesley Gardens Retreat

(June 11 - August 6)

**Sunday, August 6
Wesley Gardens Night**

Preaching: Christian Swails
Providing Sides: Pastor's Class

Menu: Fried Chicken

- 3:00 PM Youth, WG Dock
- 4:30 PM Spiritual Formation, Chapel
- 5:30 PM Worship, Chapel
- 6:15 PM Dinner, Main House

In Our Prayers....

Karen Boulter (mother of Donna Hart), Mary Odom, Richard Zehl, Will Weeks, Jeralyn Wilson, Mercedes Brennen and Jack Carman (friends of Anne Tyree), Georgia Kate Anderson, Lindsey Goldberg, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Chuck Holt, Gail Brannen, Marie Fritts, Pat Beasley, Heather Neisler, Carlyle Buelvas (sister of Madge Edwards), Archie Davis, Rodney Scott, Robin Brinkley, Pat Monahan, Aaron Higgins, Pat Killewald, McCarthy Family, Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, John Beal (brother-in-law of John Birkheimer), Palmer Hood (brother of Ge-Juan Wilkes), Sara Hardwick (sister of Cassie Beckwith), Dennis Deal (cousin of Patricia Jacobs), Lynn and Dan Kurtz, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), David Gelaude, Ashley Post, Angela Chancey (niece of Cynthia Willett), Katie Adrian, Ken Brownfield, Shari and Mel Hubbard, Cindy and John Burton, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Michele Bazemore, Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Dale and Becki Fisher (cousins of Holly Conger), Valery Hanks, Dewayne Barfield (brother of Shirley Turner), Camille Herring (sister of Wade Herring), Harriett Gattis (mother of Clayton Gattis), Matthew McClain, Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Grant Kassinger (nephew of Peggy Jolley), Sally Polk (sister of Peggy Jolley), Danielle Robertson (granddaughter of Ceil Waters), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Florene Hendrix (mother of Jewel Hendrix), Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Olin Bockes, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenkel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson