

Wesley United Methodist Church – Bloomington, Illinois

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 2021

Organ Prelude

Symphony No. 5, Opus 42: Toccata (Widor)

Craig Deets, organist

Gathering Music

Outdoor Worship – *Great Things* (Wickham)

Welcome

Greeting

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Opening Song

Outdoor Worship – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (Wesley)

Online Worship – UMH #302 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* vs. 1-4

Opening Prayer

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 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 forever. Amen.

Anthem

Crown Him with Many Crowns (arr. Nichols)

Wesley Brass

Children's Time

Special Music

Joy in the Morning (Sleeth)

Chancel Choir

Scripture Matthew 28.1-10: The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon

Going Ahead to Galilee

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Sermon Response

I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance) (Carter)

Wesley Praise Band with Praise Dancer, Brittany Ambler

Offering and Communion

Communion Music

Now the Green Blade Riseth (arr.Krug)

Bells of Wesley

Prayer After Receiving

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 word in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song/Hymn

Outdoor Worship – *Your Love Awakens Me* (Wickham)

Online Worship – UMH #327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Sara L. Isbell, Senior Pastor

Reverend Justin Iverson, Associate Pastor

Craig Deets, Organist and Pianist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Ron Kieseewetter and Brenna Martin, Hymn Singers

Wesley Praise Band

Matt Sherrill, Guitar

Andy Isbell, Brenna Martin, and Matt Sherrill, Singers

Joshua Dahmm, Piano

Ali Akyuz, Bass

Nate Byrne, Drums

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can always find additional information at www.wesley-umc.com.

JUST ONE COLLECTION FOR MARCH - LOADS OF LOVE

Loads of Love is a project sponsored by Wesley's Church & Society Committee that provides for laundry needs. Pods of laundry soap and dryer sheets can be placed in the *Just One* collection box at the East entrance to the Church any time during the month of March. Thank You Wesley Church - Your support is greatly appreciated!

SURGE - YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Surge (Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12) has returned to ALL-TOGETHER IN-PERSON programming! **We will be meeting in person every 1st and 3rd Sunday in March & April. All 2nd and 4th Sundays we will have online meetings.** EVERYONE is invited to come from 6-7:30 for Surge at the church with all of our weekly traditions included! While we will be adjusting

some aspects of our meeting for social- distancing, it will be the Surge you remember! Make plans to join us!

RUMMAGE SALE 2021

The Rummage Sale Chairpersons would like to announce our plans for Wesley's 2021 sale, *Rummage Sale Re-Imagined*. On Saturday June 26, we are encouraging our congregation members to host garage sales at their homes in honor of the Rummage Sale. All proceeds from our individual sales will still benefit Wesley's chapter of United Methodist Women as well as Youth Missions. Please continue to save your items and look through your basements and closets for more! More information will be available soon, please contact Brenna Martin at bmartin@wesley-umc.com for questions. We look forward to serving with you this summer!

HOSPITAL VISITS

As healthcare facilities are beginning to allow area clergy to visit patients again, please remember to notify the Church office or a pastor when you or a loved one are admitted to a local hospital. Hospitals are no longer allowing churches to inquire about their congregants' inpatient status or room number. We will not know if you have been admitted to the hospital unless you give us a call.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

The Miracles of Jesus

Join Barb Phend for a study of *The Miracles of Jesus* by Jessica LaGrone. The class will meet via Zoom on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. The study looks at the definition and history of biblical miracles such as healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and how the miracles speak to us today in our times of difficulty and desperation. Contact kpitts@wesley-umc.com for the Zoom link.

Moses

A new study of *Moses* by Adam Hamilton meets on Tuesday nights, 6:30-8 pm with the Journey group on Zoom. Turn your reluctance into boldness by walking in the footsteps of Moses. It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next. Although he

resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness. Contact Judy Bute at butej54@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Men's Group

Invitation to Romans

Wednesdays in-person meetings, 12:00pm, Meeting at Greg Yount's office on Hershey Rd.

Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself. Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul in their time. At the end of this study your group will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews and to their relationship to each other, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus."

The weekly video segments first present text read aloud against a backdrop of a wide variety of church settings followed by a conversation between a church historian and a church theologian about the text. The second weekly video is led by storyteller Michael Williams, who shares snapshot views of how Romans has been read through history.

Participants for this *Invitation to Romans* do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation. Reading just two chapters of Romans a week, they will discover the life altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples.

This eight-week study includes a participant book outlining daily reading assignments for group preparations, a leader guide suggesting discussion activities for use in the 60–90-minute weekly meeting, and a video component providing interpretation and context for the biblical texts. Please contact Greg Yount for more information at gyount@cbcregroup.com.

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