

Wesley United Methodist Church, Bloomington IL.

Sunday, June 7, 2020 - *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

WELCOME

Opening Hymn UMH #393 Spirit of the Living God

Opening Prayer for the Spirit's Presence (in unison)

O Spirit of the Living God, move among us this day and give us courage: courage to take an honest look at our own attitudes, fears, assumptions and desires – and give them all over to you. Help us to trust you to melt, mold, fill and use us, to remake us in your own image and create us anew. Amen.

Reflection: *How Is It with Your Soul?*

Words of Assurance: Psalm 130:7 (NRSV)

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

Hymn Reflection and Hymn ELW# 614 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Reflection: *How Is It with Your Neighbor?*

Scripture– Jeremiah 8:11 (NRSV)

¹¹ They have treated the wound of my people carelessly,
saying, "Peace, peace,"
when there is no peace."

Song

Make Us One

Evan Wickham

Matt Sherrill, guitar

God's Vision of Hope: The Kingdom of God

Scripture: Micah 4:1-4 (NRSV)

4 In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, 2 and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; 4 but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Children's Time: Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

Sawyer Watts, Lilian O'Shea, Amelia Helmer, Ryan Helmer, AJ Rick, Chase Cabrera, Aubrey Dundov, Gavin Potts, CeCe Funk, and Murray Michalski.

Congregational Response (in unison)

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Hymn UMH# 601 Thy Word is a Lamp

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, creator of all humanity, we confess that we have failed to live into Your divine and diverse image.

We have judged and pre-judged

We have spoken hurtful words and let healing words go unspoken

We have failed to speak up when your children were hurting

We have been quick to defend our own privilege and to deny our complicity in systemic injustice

We have been blind to the ways in which our fellow human beings have suffered and turned away from their pain.

Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to a more courageous, more just, more loving way of life.

Turn us around, and lead us to your kingdom.

We ask it in Jesus' name.

Words of Assurance: Friends, know that God has heard our cry. Just as God hears the cry of the oppressed and downtrodden, God hears us today, too. Christ died for us even in the midst of our sin. In the name of Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to receive bread and cup today in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please lift your own bread and cup as the pastors bless the elements, and receive the Body and Blood of Christ along with us.

Closing Song

We Could Change the World

Matt Redman

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Benediction and Invitation

Choral Benediction and Reflection:

“We Shall Overcome”

ed. A. Johnson

Wesley UMC Chancel Choir, recorded January 19th, 2020

Worship Participants

Reverend Sara L. Isbell, Senior Pastor

Reverend Justin Iverson, Associate Pastor

Andrew Johnson, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitar

Kathi Pritts, Children’s Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

Announcements

NEW STUDIES ON RACIAL JUSTICE COMING SOON

We've heard your requests for conversation and teaching on the topic of RACIAL JUSTICE. Stay tuned, as opportunities for reflection and study are in process and will be announced soon.

HOPE STUDY

Join HOPE, an adult education class, as we continue to study Wesley sermons and the sermons of Adam Hamilton with a remote group study, it's not too late to join! We meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm. Please contact Kathi Pritts to sign up at kpitts@wesley-umc.com. Friends are welcome!

PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR - SUNDAYS 4-5 PM.

We want to be available to you during this time, not just to pray for you, but to pray with you. If you have prayer requests, joys or concerns, let's bring them to the altar together (virtually) Sunday afternoons by Zoom. Pastor Sara will meet you there and we'll pray together for each other, our families, community, nation and world. All are welcome, contact Pastor Sara at sisbell@wesley-umc.com if you'd like to join us. The link for the Zoom meeting can be found in the June 5th issue of the Alive.

Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078

Password: 628292

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Paper products such as toilet paper, napkins, facial tissues, diapers (all sizes), and diaper wipes are needed to prepare for the June 20th paper goods distribution. Donations can be dropped off at our Wesley West building on Thursday, June 11 or June 15-19 from 1-4 p.m. Monetary donations are welcome – you can give online (www.wesley-umc.com) or mail a check to the church (Wesley UMC 502 E Front, Bloomington, IL 61701). Be sure to mark it for WDM.