

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“The Kingdom is Worth Everything” - July 26, 2020

Greeting

Prelude

Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord)

-Walther

Andrew Johnson, organ

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *UMH #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Children’s Time

Special Music:

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven

-Choplin

Wesley UMC Chancel Choir (recorded October 20th, 2019)

Scripture Matthew 13:44-46 (NRSV)

13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Sermon

The Kingdom is Worth Everything

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Prayer Song

Worth It All -Cantelon, Cowart, Ingram, and Smith

Matt Sherrill, guitar

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Closing Song

Jesus Paid It All

-Nifong, Hall, and Grape

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Announcements & Benediction

Worship Participants
Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist
Andrew Johnson, Organist
Matt Sherrill, Guitarist
Kathi Pritts, Children's Time
Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 2 IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

Please join us for "online Communion" by preparing your own bread and grape juice at home.

*Note: In Jesus' day, Passover/ritual blessings were observed with wine. United Methodists are sensitive to the needs of those who abstain from alcohol, and so we use unfermented grape juice in our public worship services. However, if your household has any of the following available for use in Holy Communion you are welcome to use: grape juice, grape juice cocktail, cranberry grape juice, red wine (fermented or unfermented), or even water, if you have none of the above. For bread, any kind of bread will suffice, including pita, tortilla or even crackers.

FINAL SESSION RACIAL JUSTICE STUDY TODAY AT 10 AM (JULY 26th)

Join Pastor Justin Iverson and Youth Director, Kelsey Ross as they finish the study of Ijeoma Oluo's book, ***So You Want to Talk About Race***. Today's discussion will include chapter 12 through the end of the book. The link to join can be found on our website at www.wesley-umc.com.

NEW ADULT STUDIES TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Which Way Lord; Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul - Join us as we travel to find our purpose together. Rediscover that you are wonderfully made, created for purpose, and equipped to live a life of significance, despite the adversity and detours you will encounter along the way. The study will be led by Barb Phend and meets via zoom on Thursday Nights (Beginning August 6), 6:30-7:30 PM. Contact Kathi Pritts kpitts@wesley-umc.com to register and get a book.

Inter-racial Bible Study: JUSTICE - Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15pm, starting August 11, by ZOOM
Join Rev. Sara Isbell, Rev. Dr. Brigitte Black, and members of the Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bloomington, for a six-week study on the Bible and Justice. Wesley and Wayman AME have been neighbors for a long time, but we don't know each other as well as we'd like. Let's get to know each other – and get to know what the Bible says about Justice. Watch the ALIVE and bulletin announcements for the Zoom link; talk to Pastor Sara (sisbell@wesley-umc.com; 217-299-4870) for more information.

SURGE (Youth grades 6-12) MEETINGS RETURN TO WEDNESDAYS

Beginning July 29th, Surge will welcome small groups back to Wesley for a new series in Phase 4, "Bonfires of Belonging". Groups will meet outdoors in the main parking lot.

Students will meet in a 2 week rotation.

- Wednesday July 29th:
 - 6th/7th grade from 6-7pm
 - 8th grade from 7-8pm.
- Wednesday August 5th:
 - 9th/10th grade from 6-7pm
 - 11th/12th grade from 7-8pm

Please note that we are committed to the safety of every student at Wesley and will be observing social distancing while together. Masks are required and all students will need to undergo a temperature check upon arrival.

WUMC JOB OPENINGS

Wesley UMC is seeking applicants for organist and Director of Communications. Additional information and application process can be found on our website at www.wesley-umc.com.

PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR

Sundays 4-5 pm – All are welcome. 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. The Zoom link can be found in the July *Alive* e-newsletter. (**Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078; Password: 628292**)