

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“I Am With You: Comforting Words for Conflicted Times” - August 2, 2020

Welcome

Prelude

Chaconne

-Yiruma

Andrew Johnson, piano

Opening Prayer

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.

Opening Hymn *UMH #529 How Firm a Foundation*

Children’s Time

Scripture Isaiah 41:8-10, 13 (NRSV)

⁸ But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; ⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; ¹⁰ do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand...

¹³ For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”

*This is the Word of God for the People of God – **Thanks be to God!***

Sermon

I Am With You: Comforting Words for Conflicted Times

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Hymn *UMH # 368 My Hope Is Built*

Invitation to the Offering

Holy Communion

Moment of Reflection

Run to the Father

-Carnes, Maher, and Jackson

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Closing Song

Everywhere I Go

-Timmons

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Announcements and Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Andrew Johnson, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR ANDREW JOHNSON SET FOR AUGUST 9

We are so appreciative and thankful for Andrew Johnson's time and dedication to the music program at Wesley Church over the last three years. Please join us on Sunday August 9th for a Drive-Thru Celebration at Wesley West from 1 - 3pm.

Congregation members will arrive at Wesley West in their cars and drive thru two open lanes of the car port. There you will be able to congratulate Andrew on his future endeavors and thank him for all that he has done for Wesley. A receptacle will be available for cards if you would like to leave a note upon your visit. Don't forget to wear your mask!

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to send Andrew a card in the mail please send your card to the church at 502 E. Front St. Bloomington, IL. 61701 and we will see that he receives it.

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

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

