

ONE BODY...worshipping together...serving others...growing...IN CHRIST

# Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

April 25, 2010 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

## *A Festival of God's Creation*



*Church-wide Blessing of the Animals  
Today at 5 pm  
in front of the Sanctuary*

welcome!

# The Worship of God

Chapel

8:30 am

## THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* ..... Alec Wyton  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful* ..... Kevin Sadowski

## † OPENING PRAYER

**God of the mountains and valley, oceans and streams, cities and suburbs, we open our hearts to you. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise. Fill us with hope. Gently heal our brokenness and touch our hearts with love. Open our hearts to your presence and help us love you every day of our lives.**

## † HYMN NO. 62

*All Creatures of our God and King* ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1 and 2, selected verses

## SERMON “Awe”

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

## † THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

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## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVICE OF GIVING

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## OFFERTORY

*God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven* ..... Raymond Haan

## † DOXOLOGY NO. 94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
 power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## † THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## † HYMN NO. 144

*This Is My Father's World* ..... TERRA BEATA

## † BENEDICTION

## † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Earth and All Stars* ..... Wayne L. Wold

† Those who are able, please stand.

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Dave Howard, Associate Minister; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

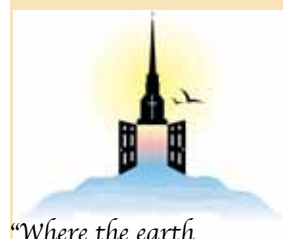
# ~ Horizon worship ~

*The Gathering 8:45 am*

*The Beginning 9:45 am*

Ashley Crowder Stanley's message today is titled, "Awe" and the scripture text is Genesis 1 and 2, selected verses.

Worship participants: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Barry Osborne; Associate Minister; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music, and the Horizon Praise Team.



*"Where the earth  
meets the sky...  
where the human soul  
meets God's spirit."*

## ***Today's Scripture: Genesis 1 and 2, selected verses***

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

~ Genesis 1:1-3, 6-7, 9-10, 14-16, 20-21, 24-25 NRSV

# Horizon

Horizon Worship Services include The Gathering at 8:45 am and The Beginning at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Both services meet in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

# The Worship of God

Sanctuary

11 am

## ∞ ENTRANCE ∞

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* ..... Alec Wyton  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful* ..... Kevin Sadowski

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*Many and Great* ..... LACQUIPARLE

The Chancel Choir

*Many and great, O God, are thy things, Maker of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.*

### † PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 62

*All Creatures of our God and King* (vs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7) ..... CORONATION

### † OPENING PRAYER

Praised are you, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for causing us to reach this day.

**We give thanks to you, God, we give thanks to you, as we call upon your name, and recount your wondrous deeds.**

Praised are you, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has withheld nothing from your world and has created beautiful creatures and beautiful trees for mortals to enjoy.

**We give thanks to you, God, we give thanks to you, as we call upon your name, and recount your wondrous deeds.**

Praised are you, Lord, God of all creation, for you feed the whole world with your goodness, with grace, with loving-kindness and tender mercy. You give food to all creatures, and your loving-kindness endures forever and ever.

**We give thanks to you, God, we give thanks to you, as we call upon your name, and recount your wondrous deeds.**

Praised are you, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who graciously bestows favor upon the undeserving, even as you have bestowed favor upon us.

**We give thanks to you, God, we give thanks to you, as we call upon your name, and recount your wondrous deeds.**

## ∞ PROCLAMATION ∞

### PSALM 148

Traditional

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

1. Let the whole creation cry,  
 “Glory to the Lord on high.”  
 Heav’n and earth, awake and sing.  
 “God is our eternal King.” **R**

3. Praise God, all you hosts above,  
 Ever shining forth in love;  
 Sun and moon, uplift your voice;  
 Night and stars, in God rejoice! **R**

2. Men and women, young and old,  
 Raise the anthem manifold;  
 Join with children’s songs and praise,  
 Worship God through length of days. **R**

4. From the north to southern pole  
 Let the mighty chorus roll:  
 “Holy, holy, holy One,  
 Glory be to God alone!” **R**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HYMN NO. 122 (*congregation will remain seated*)

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* .....ROEDER

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1 and 2, selected verses

### SERMON “Awe”

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

## ☞ RESPONSE ☞

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### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins and pray for the Church and for the world.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**For the beauty of the earth – that we have not seen**

**For the beauty of the earth – that we have not preserved**

**For the beauty of the earth – that we have damaged or been silent at its destruction,**

**Forgive us, God.**

**For the joy of human love – that we have ignored,**

**For the joy of human love – that we have taken for granted,**

**For the joy of human love – that we damage by our personal sins and faraway  
 complicities,**

**Forgive us, God.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(When appropriate, the congregation responds to each petition, Lord, in your mercy, “Hear our prayer.”) As we offer our prayers to God as a congregation, you may submit a prayer request by completing one of the cards in the pew rack and placing it in the Offering Plate.

### THE SERVICE OF GIVING

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Be praised O God* .....Paul Leddington Wright

The Chancel Choir

*Be praised, O God, by all that fills the temple of your world: By colors, written on the hymnal of the sky; By grains and fruitfilled trees that bow their heads to you; By fishes swimming your praise; By choirs of birds flying your name; By the steeples of trees lifted to heaven; By the vespers of lakes, silent in meditation; By the altar of all tables filled with food; By the crosses of the low estate; By the wine cups of our*

*griefs, and the bread loaves of our sturdiest dreams. Be praised O God by the candles of our hope in you burned bright by love, by death itself, and by your benediction of our litany of days, until we give you better praise. Amen.*

† **DOXOLOGY No. 94**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* .....LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
 power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

∞ **THANKSGIVING** ∞

† **THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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 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.**

∞ **SENDING FORTH** ∞

† **CLOSING HYMN No. 144**

*This Is My Father's World* ..... TERRA BEATA

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Many and Great* ..... LACQUIPARLE

The Chancel Choir

*Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one; come unto us and dwell with us; with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.*

† **CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

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## *Announcements*

**Worship Participants:** Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Dave Howard, Associate Minister; Michael Dougherty, Director of Music and the Arts; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Pete Thompson, Sound Engineer; Emily Adams and Catherine Levina, Acolytes.

**Ushers for the month of April are:** Daniel Dale, Chris Dudley, Warren Lackey, Britt Lytle, Jobie Redmond, Jr.,

David Snipes, Horace Steadman, Jr., Bruce von der Lippe, and Kevin von der Lippe.

**Greeters for the month of April are:** Bob Bass, Wanna Blanton, Lee Huff, Larry Peters, and Georgia Rasmussen.

**The Prayer Team invites each of you** to join us this week as we pray for the Music Program, including the Praise Team.

**A Service of Holy Communion and Prayer**, Wednesdays at 11 am in the Chapel, led by Rev. Richard Howle. Come join us and stay for the noon Bible study...

**Wednesday Bible Study lunch**, noon in the Dining Hall. Led by Ashley Crowder Stanley. Cost is \$5 per person; reservations required by 2 pm on Monday, to the Church Office, 884-2204. Please join us!

**Dr. Efird's Bible Study** ~ Dr. Mickey Efird is doing a 4-week study of the book of Isaiah at Wesley Memorial on Monday evenings, April 12 through May 3. Classes begin at 6:45 pm and are held in the Chapel. Refreshments will also be served. Come join us!

**Join the Chancel Bells as they ring in the "Great Music From Heidelberg"** recital series to be held Sunday April 25 at 4 pm at Heidleberg UCC, 118 Salem Street, Thomasville.

**Did you clean out your closets for Furniture Market? Or just do some spring cleaning?** Please consider donating your gently used clothes (all seasons and sizes) and household items to the Clothes Closet at Ward Street Mission. You can bring items to the Church Office, or take them directly to Ward Street Mission (corner of Ward Street & Wrightenbury near Oak Hill Elementary School). Questions? Contact Beverly Koontz, 883-6264.

**TTW School Springfest is Coming ~ Sunday, May 2, 4-7 pm, and we need everyone's help!** Please consider:

- ❁ donating an item or service for the Silent Auction
- ❁ donating gently-used household goods/toys for our "Treasures" room.
- ❁ working a game shift

Please contact Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley (884-4232) to sign up to help. This is a **major** fundraiser for our school...and a lot of fun for everyone!

**May is Methodism Month!** Ever wonder what it means to be a Methodist, or how Methodist Churches are different from other denominations? During the month of May, we will hold classes to learn more about Methodism during Sunday School (9:45-10:30 am) in the Chapel. All adults are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Call Dave Howard, 884-2204, ext. 238.

**Proud Parents and Grandparents:** Let us know about your college graduate! Call or e-mail Bonnie Wallace at the Church Office (884-2204, ext. 228) or [bwallace@wesley memorial.org](mailto:bwallace@wesley memorial.org) with graduate's full name, name of college and degree.

**Student Ministries is offering an opportunity to honor your mother**, grandmother, Sunday School teacher or other special women in your life in a special Mother's Day Bulletin. Each honorarium or memorial wish is only \$1 and will benefit youth missions and events. You can do as many as you like! Order envelopes are available from the Church Office or Information Centers. Fill it out, put your money in and return to the Church Office or put it in the offering plate. Must be turned in by May 2 to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin on Sunday, May 9. For more information contact Melissa Coley at 884-2204, ext. 229.

#### **Attention all caterers and those who love to cook!**

Wesley Memorial is looking for you! We are looking for someone to provide meals for Wednesday Bible Study Lunch (September through May), Wednesday Dinners (fall and spring sessions) and Live Alive Luncheons (one lunch per month). Other opportunities may be available. If you or someone you know would be interested in preparing food for Wesley Memorial events, please contact Cindy Dominick at 884-2204, ext. 232, or [cdominick@wesley memorial.org](mailto:cdominick@wesley memorial.org).

**Reach Out to Those Without...**Imagine what it would feel like to be evicted, or to have nowhere to stay except in your car or nowhere to keep your clothes and other belongings. Interfaith Hospitality Network provides temporary homes for families in churches each week. Your help is needed to host the families who will be calling Wesley Memorial their home during the week of May 2-9. Volunteers are needed for overnight hosts (8 pm - 6 am), dinner hosts (5:15 pm - 8 pm), dinner preparers (drop food off at the church), van drivers (6:30 am - 7 am or 5 pm - 5:30 pm), setting up the "bedrooms" (Sunday, May 2 at 11 am), laundry (after the week is over), and re-arranging the rooms after the families leave on Sunday, May 9 (7:30 am). If you can help out, please contact Diane Hamrick (210-3765) [dqhamrick@aol.com](mailto:dqhamrick@aol.com).

**Brake out the pompoms and cheering voices in support of YOUR "Wesley Flame"!** The Wesley Memorial softball team, "Wesley Flame," will open the season on Monday, April 26 at 6 pm. The games are played at Mitchell's Grove United Methodist Church. The church is located at the corner of Kivett Drive and HWY 85 across the street from the Pop Shop Gas Station. Look for posters around the church campus for a full schedule of games. If you would like to join the team or have any questions please call the Susans at 884-4232.



**You are Invited to a FREE Church wide “Right Now Faith” Concert and Love Offering Celebration for Keith Byrd**, Director of Contemporary Music at Wesley Memorial ~ Join us Wednesday, April 28, 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Featured musical guests include: The Wesley Memorial Horizon Praise Team, Chris Murrell: American jazz and gospel singer; has toured with the Count Basie Orchestra, Rodney Archie: Jireh Records recording artist, has sung with gospel singers Tremaine Hawkins and Shirley Caesar, Reggie Codrington: Renowned jazz saxophonist; has recorded 7 albums; represented by RLM Entertainment, Ray Codrington: Nationally known jazz trumpeter legend; has played with Gladys Knight, Jackie Wilson and more. RSVP by Monday, April 26 to 884-2204, ext. 255 or [webmaster@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:webmaster@wesleymemorial.org).

**A Henderson Settlement Building Team** is being formed to go to Kentucky, June 27 through July 3, for Adults and Senior High students. Please contact Dwight Steed for more information, 882-4829.



**Report from the Church Office: April 18, 2010**

**Attendance:**

Total in Church last Sunday: 525

**Finances:**

Pledge & Offering Revenues	\$ 14,829.50
Budgeted Weekly Goal	36,750.00
Difference	\$ <u>(21,920.50)</u>

***Thank You for Your Generosity!***

**Dates are available to place flowers** in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Fellowship Hall. Contact Sue Schoch, 884-2204, ext. 266.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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