

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

February 28, 2010 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

UMW Sunday

Lent and Community: Sharing the Path

The Christian life is not a solo journey. From the time of our baptism, we become a part of a community of faith centered in Jesus Christ. This community has many names: the Body of Christ, the Church, the community of faith. No matter what we call it, we believe that it is a gift to be a beloved member of God's family and to be called to live out our faith in the presence of others. Many Christians believe that it is impossible to be faithful apart from a community. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement (which later became a denomination), believed that community was vital to deepening our faith; believers were placed in small, covenant groups which met regularly for study, prayer and discernment. And so it seems that relationships, both with God and one another are at the foundation of our life as Christ-followers.

During the season of Lent, we are moved to consider the health of our spiritual lives both as individuals and as a community. We are reminded that without the leading of God's spirit and our openness to it, we will be unable to grow in faith and fruitfulness. We confess our brokenness and need while we place our trust in God's grace to move us forward on the path towards deeper relationship with one another and with God. We confront our need for forgiveness, love, nurture and purpose. We need each other in order to grow in faith and love and to be reminded of what is truly important in life.

In his letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul describes the church as the body of Christ and reminds us that every single part of the body is essential to the entire body. If a part of the body is detached or wounded, it renders the whole body weak. God calls us to care for every part of the body so that together, we may be the hands, feet and heart of God in the world.

Lent, then, is a season of ridding ourselves, with God's help, of anything that brings pain, division, malaise, or darkness. Slowly, thoughtfully, prayerfully, we ask God to forgive and heal us; we ask each other for second chances, for new opportunities to share our faith and we move along-together-as we stretch and reach for the new life that is ours through the resurrection of our Lord.

Let us allow God to work on and through us during this Lenten season so that we may find unity as a church and joy as we glorify God, together.

Welcome!

The Worship of God

Chapel

8:30 am

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee..... Flor Peeters

† OPENING PRAYER

God of promises fulfilled, we gather as descendants of Abraham; we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant; we assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits. When we feel overwhelmed by the stresses of daily life, we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your abiding faithfulness. When we are overcome with despair by the pain of war and poverty in our world, we need only see the light of a single candle to remember the one you sent as our light, our strength, and our salvation. We pray now in the name of that light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross..... HAMBURG

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON "With God's Help, I Will Try"

Rev. Barry Osborne

† A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

UMHymnal No. 883

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF GIVING

(So that strangers might become friends, please sign and pass the Welcome Folders.)

OFFERTORY

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross..... Joyce Jones

† DOXOLOGY NO. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow..... OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN NO. 170

O How I Love Jesus..... O HOW I LOVE JESUS

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory..... Charles Cooke

† Those who are able, please stand.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS: Barry Osborne, Associate Minister; Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

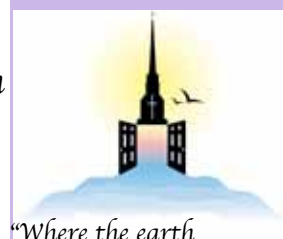
~ Horizon worship ~

The Gathering 8:45 am

The Beginning 9:45 am

Barry Osborne's message today is titled, "With God's Help, I Will Try" and the scripture text is Mark 12:28-34.

Worship participants: Barry Osborne, Associate Minister; Dave Howard, 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: Mark 12:28-34 ~

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

~ Mark 12:28-34 NIV

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength', and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

~ Mark 12:28-34 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

Aurora Gabriel Fauré
Aria Eugene Bozza

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† OPENING HYMN NO. 285

To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord KINGSFOLD

† OPENING PRAYER

God of promises fulfilled, we gather as descendants of Abraham; we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant; we assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits. When we feel overwhelmed by the stresses of daily life, we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your abiding faithfulness. When we are overcome with despair by the pain of war and poverty in our world, we need only see the light of a single candle to remember the one you sent as our light, our strength, and our salvation. We pray now in the name of that light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REQUIEM

by Gabriel Fauré

presented by The Chancel Choir and Carillon Choir; Sarah Womack, Violin

The Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1854-1924) was first performed in 1888, and stands in a long line of compositions dating back to the 15th century. The Requiem form is essentially a funeral service in which the one praying asks for eternal rest for the faithful departed and deliverance for the surviving loved ones. The imagery is both terrible and soothing, and is appropriate for our Lenten observance as we remember the temptation, sacrifice, and ultimate triumph of Jesus.

INTROIT AND KYRIE

Grant them rest eternal, grant them, Lord, eternal rest, let light perpetual shine upon them. Hymns shall become thee, O God in Zion, and to thee shall new vows be paid in Jerusalem. Hear thou, Lord, hear thou my prayer, O Lord God; unto thee all flesh shall come. Hear us, Lord, have mercy upon us. Grant us thy mercy, Lord; have mercy Lord, upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Hear us; grant us thy peace.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion, et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam; ad te omnis caro veniet. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.

OFFERTORIUM

Josh Conyers, Baritone

O Lord our God Jesus Christ, thou all-glorious King, deliver thou the souls of thy servants from earthly bondage, and from the death of this mortal flesh. O Lord our God Jesus Christ, thou all-glorious King, deliver thou the souls of thy servants from death's dark valley, and from the shadows of the deep abyss. O Lord our God Jesus Christ, thou all-glorious King, O Lord our God, be thou merciful; save thou them from lasting darkness. Unto thee we offer, Lord, this sacrifice; unto thee this prayer and praise: do thou receive it for those beloved and honored whom we bless this day, whose memory we recall: Lord, let them pass from the death of the body to life eternal, as of old thou didst promise unto Abraham and his seed. O Lord our God Jesus Christ, thou all-glorious King, deliver the souls of thy servants from earthly bondage and from the death of this mortal flesh; save thou them from eternal night. Amen.

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu; de ore leonis, ne absorbeat Tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum. Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus; tu suscipe pro animabus illis quarum hodie memoriam facimus; fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam, quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini ejus. Amen.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Lord of Sabaoth. Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

PIE JESU

Carillon Choir

Blessed Jesus, Lord and God, Grant them thine eternal rest. Gentle shepherd lead them now, through this darkness to thy Day, to thy Life that knows no death, to thy Time that knows no end, to that Home that ends the way. Grant unto thy servants rest, grant them thine eternal rest. Blessed, Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Lord and God, Grant thy servants, grant them thine eternal rest.

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem; dona eis sempiternam requiem.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Sisters and brothers, in the words of the psalmist, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen.

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.

MISSION MOMENT**THE SERVICE OF GIVING**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them, O Lord, eternal rest. Lord God, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them light eternal, let light eternal shine upon them, O Lord God, for ever with thy blessed servants, for that thou art gracious, Lord; forever with thy blessed servants, for that thou art good. Grant them rest eternal, grant them Lord, eternal rest; let light perpetual shine upon them.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

LIBERA ME

Josh Conyers, Baritone

Deliver me, Lord, deliver me from death eternal, upon that day of terror, upon that day of trial: then shall heaven and earth be moved, then shall heaven and earth be consumed together, for thou shalt come upon the earth in judgment. Trembling I stand before thee, and wait in fear till judgment shall come upon the earth, and men shall know thine anger. Day of wrath and doom impending! Death then is struck and all creation wakes; Day of wrath and day of sorrow! Great the waking, exceeding bitter. Rest eternal grant them, Lord, let light perpetual shine upon them, O Lord.

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda; Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra; Dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem. Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque ventura ira. Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis, et miseriae; dies illa, dies magna et amara valde. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Libera me, Domine, libera.

† **DOXOLOGY No. 95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **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.

† **CLOSING HYMN**

Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

† **IN PARADISUM**

In paradise be thou received of angel hosts, thy coming attended by all the blessed martyr throng, thy pathway guided into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels there receive thee, and with Lazarus, blessed of Abraham, Lazarus, once a beggar, now comforted of Abraham, be thine eternal rest, be thy rest.

In paradisum deducant angeli; in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.

† **CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

† **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Entree Jean Langlais

† Those who are able, please stand.

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

Announcements

Worship Participants: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Michael Dougherty, Director of Music and the Arts; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Carol Hutchins and Eleanor Lagas, Readers; Jerry Tucker, Sound Engineer; Caroline Klemme and Catherine York, Acolytes. **Ushers and Greeters today are** members of the United Methodist Women.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Janice Crowder on her birthday by her loving family.

The Prayer Team invites each of you to join us this week as we pray for the United Methodist Women, on UMW Sunday.

A Service of Holy Communion and Prayer, Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 11 am in the Chapel, led by Rev. Richard Howle. Rev. Howle's meditation is titled, "Cheers!" and the text is John 16:25-33. Come join us and stay for the noon Bible study...

Wednesday Bible Study lunch, February 24, 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!

Mark your calendars: Wesley 100 Dinner, Monday, March 1, 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall.

Upcoming Events ~

- Today - Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon
HP District Leadership Training at First UMC
- 3/1 - Wesley 100 Dinner
- 3/5 - Parent's Night Out
- 3/6 - Senior High Crystal Ball

Wednesdays at Wesley ~

Please join us for great food and great fellowship!
All meals include dessert, tea and water.

- Mar. 3– Chicken & Dumplings, Gouda Pimento Cheese Sandwich
Children: Hot Dog, French Fries, Apple Sauce
- Mar. 10– Pork Tenderloin, Spaghetti Squash Parmesan, Asparagus, Bread
Children: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Carrots
- Mar. 17– Chickens Pie, Curried Fruit, Bread
Children: Pizza, Corn
- Mar. 24– Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad Bar, Bread
Children: Same as adult menu

Donation of \$6 per adult, \$3 per child (ages 2-11) is to cover the cost of the food. Food will be served from 5:45 until 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall. Please purchase tickets for individual Wednesday meals by 2 pm on Monday.

Remember to order your Easter Lilies! Lilies may be placed on the altar in the Chapel, Sanctuary or Contemporary Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 4, in memory or honor of a special person. Lilies are \$22 each. Please call Melissa Coley at the Church Office, 884-2204, ext. 229 by **Monday, March 8.**

The High Point District Leadership Conference

originally schedule for Jan. 31 has been rescheduled for **TODAY, 2:30 - 6 pm** at First United Methodist Church, 512 N. Main Street, High Point. **All church leaders are encouraged to attend!** No registration fee and no need to sign up. Questions? Call the District Office, 861-5517 or highpointadmin@wnccumc.org.

Sunday, March 14 – Bowling Event, sponsored by Children & Family Life, 5-7 pm at ***High Point Bowling Center** (please note the change of location). \$5 per person covers shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling. Plan to join us!

Worship during Lent and Easter

Sunday, March 7 (The story of Joseph will be studied during the sermons in March)

"A Coat Offered to a Son"

Luke 15:11-32; Genesis 37:2b-4

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, preaching

– **Holy Communion**

Sunday, March 14

"Life and Death...And Life"

Luke 12:6-9; Genesis 37:17b-24, 28-33

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, preaching

– **One Great Hour of Sharing**, Special offering to benefit United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Sunday, March 21– Girl Scout Sunday

"The Grudge and the Grace"

John 12:1-8; Genesis 45:1-8

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, preaching;

Reception honoring Girl Scouts following 11 am service, in the Asbury Room

Sunday, March 28– Palm Sunday

"A Humble Approach"

Luke 19:28-40; Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, preaching;

One Service at 11 am with a congregational processional.

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

Worship Service at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

The Chancel Choir will present Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ* – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

April 4– Easter Sunday

"Even Though"

Luke 24:1-12; Psalm 23

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley, preaching





March 11-13 and March 18-20
Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat

7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Presented by the High Point Community Theatre and Wesley Memorial Music Department.

Tickets available through any member of the Choir or at the Church Office. Admission: Adults \$18; Students & Seniors \$15; Children \$8

In this musical parable the Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless.

Please join us as this cast of over 60 residents from around the Piedmont Triad offers their talents for this special dramatic offering which brings into full focus the Lenten themes of temptation, sin, repentance, reconciliation and redemption. Our Sunday sermons in the month of March also explore the story of Joseph.

Notes:

Report from the Church Office: February 21, 2010

Attendance:

Total in Church last Sunday: 626

Finances:

Pledge & Offering Revenues	\$ 15,832.04
Budgeted Weekly Goal	36,750.00
Difference	\$ <u>(20,917.96)</u>

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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