

Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

March 25, 2018



*Our purpose is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

March 25, 2018

Palm/Passion Sunday

Welcome to Wesley! If you have questions or special needs, please speak to an usher.
Worship activity bags for children are hanging on a rack at the back of the church.
Our ushers have large-print hymnals available.
Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers in Room 202.
Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Gathering for Praise

Gathering Music

Hosanna!
by Gilbert M. Martin

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

(Please register your attendance in the folders in each pew)

* **Call to Worship:**

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

* **Opening Hymn**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Red Hymnal 278

* **Opening Prayer:**

Almighty God,

on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem

and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments

and palm branches along his way.

**Let these branches be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our Lord
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.**

Special Music

Hosanna
by Carl Tuttle/Joseph Linn

Children's Choir

He Is Exalted
by Twila Paris/Joseph Linn

We Have a King
by Fred Kaan/traditional

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation

Kellie Burgess

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 1-11

New Testament, p. 21

First Scripture Hymn

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

Black Hymnal 2138

Sermon

It's a Parade!

Pastor Jerry Bass

Choir Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads Medley
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

Bell Medley

Little Ringer Dingers
with Jayna Polries & piano solo by Eli Zerr

* Doxology

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

Almighty God,

you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross.

Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will

and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles *What Wondrous Love Is This* (v. 2) Red Hymnal 292

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 27: 11-14, 27-31 New Testament, p. 30

Second Scripture Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This?* (vv. 1, 3) Red Hymnal 292

Sermon *It's a Parade!* Pastor Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Red Hymnal 297

*** Benediction**

*** Musical Response** *Go Now in Peace* (sing twice)

*** Closing Song** *Psalm of Glory* Marge Myrold
by Stanley E. Saxton

Thanks to all who have helped with today's worship service!

Welcome Team:

Tim & Jeanette Ringuette

Berniece Holm

Lay Reader:

Patty Reed



Learn About World Religions

On Tuesday evening, Pastor Jerry will be leading a new series of lessons and discussions on “World Religions.” We will learn about Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam in the coming weeks. Class begins at 7:00 p.m. in the church library and all are invited to participate.

Lamberson Family Update

For those of you who don't know – Carol and Lonnie Lamberson's house was broken into while they were in Fargo last week dealing with Susie's most recent round of chemotherapy. They came home to find their house in disarray, with jewelry, laptop computer, pain meds, and money stolen.

Carol's sister has set up a “Go Fund Me” page to help with the costs of Susie's care and the loss from the theft. If you would like to help, you can use this site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/58pb488>

However, you also can provide them with more direct assistance by purchasing and mailing or dropping off gift cards (for example from Hugo's, Walmart, or Simonson's). You also could write a check to Wesley, indicating “for Lambersons” on the memo line, and we will then provide a check to Carol from our church for such “anonymous” contributions.

Holy Week Worship

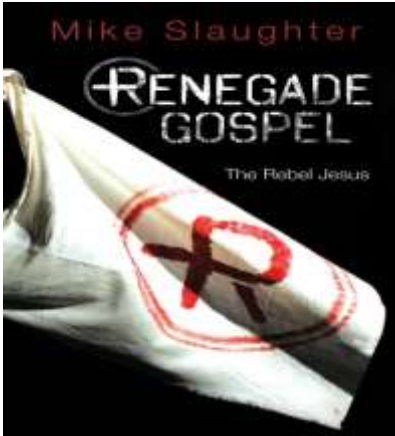
Please plan to participate in our worship services during the holiest week of our Christian year:

- Maundy Thursday (March 29): Soup Supper and Communion Service, 6:00-7:00 in the main floor Fellowship Room
- Good Friday (March 30): Tenebrae Service in Remembrance of the Passion of Christ, 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary (a joint service with Zion UMC)
- Easter Sunday (April 1): Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection at our usual worship times and styles: Traditional service at 9:00; Ignite praise service at 11:15 (No Sunday school on Easter Sunday)



Please note: There is **no** Sunday evening supper or devotional on March 25.

Renegade Gospel



The Rebel Jesus; Be a renegade for the true Jesus.

The adult Sunday school "Library" class has begun a six-session video Lenten series from the book "Renegade Gospel" by Rev. Mike Slaughter. The following description is provided by Cokesbury Publishing:

Who was Jesus, really? Wasn't the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn't associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn't it still? *Renegade Gospel* is a study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus.

Topics include:

- Discovering the Rebel Jesus
- Revolutionary Lifestyle
- The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer
- Seeing Jesus Today
- The Way of the Cross
- Resurrection

The class meets at 10:10 am each Sunday morning in the church library and is open to anyone. It's never too late to join the conversation.

New Generation of Women (one of our Wesley United Methodist Women groups) is focusing this year on connecting with, and supporting our neighborhood school Winship Elementary. We will be collecting items of need through Sunday March 25th. All items donated will go directly to Winship. Please consider donating the follow items, or if you prefer to donate funds we will purchase items for you.

- Peanut-free prepackaged snacks
- Gift cards for groceries
- Underwear (all sizes)
- Sweats (sizes 6-7 and 11-12)
- Socks



We appreciate your support and please watch for future opportunities to help our neighborhood school.

Wesley UMC Calendar for March 25 – April 1

Sunday, March 25	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Coffee fellowship Traditional Worship Service Sunday school for all ages <i>Ignite</i> Praise Service Nepali Worship Service No Lenten Supper or Devotional
Tuesday, March 27	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera World Religions, Library
Wednesday, March 28	1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel Quilting, Room 305 Kids Bells (grades 2-8) Choir Rehearsal, Zion UMC Adult Bells No Confirmation Chancel Choir Rehearsal <i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal
Maundy Thursday, March 29	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service, Main floor fellowship room
Good Friday, March 30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service, at Wesley (with Zion)
Easter Sunday, April 1	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Coffee fellowship Traditional Worship Service (Children Sing) <i>No Sunday School</i> <i>Ignite</i> Praise Service Nepali Worship Service

Last week's attendance: 93

Last week's giving: \$3,760.

Offering to date: \$51,963.32

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

Hosanna

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Your Great Name*

Matthew 21: 1-11

Matthew 27: 11-14, 27-31

Pastor Jerry's Message:

It's a Parade!