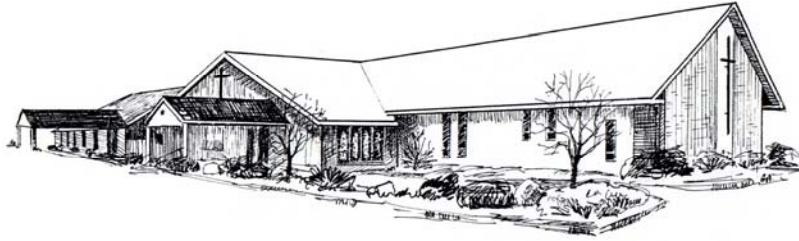


Wesley United Methodist Church



2200 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL

January 10, 2021

ENTRANCE

"A Living Presence"

by Muriel Dillon

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Water, River, Spirit, Grace"

words by Thomas H. Troeger/Music by O.I. Cricket Harrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **GATHERING** (Gen 1, Act 19, Mark 1)

God of creation and renewal, hover over our gathering in spirit, as you hovered over creation on that first day. Enter into our hearts and our lives, as you did on the day of our baptism. Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus' day of baptism, that we may hear your words of love again. Speak to us that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. Amen.

† **OPENING HYMN**

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

#2051 vs. 1,2,7

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS

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.

† **RESPONSE**

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

#393

FIRST BIBLE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

JOHN WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless these gifts with your voice of creation, your healing, and your love, Mighty God. Transform our meager offerings into an abundant gift for a world in need of your light and life. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "Freely, Freely" #389 vs. 1,2

† **BENEDICTION**

Speaker: Amidst a noisy world, make way to listen to God. In the busiest of days, find time to listen to God. For in the listening, we finally hear this truth:

Congregation: We are beloved children of God— created in love, created for love, and created to love.

Speaker: Let's go out there to listen and love.

† **RECESSIONAL** "Freely, Freely" #389 refrain only

POSTLUDE

"His Name Is Wonderful"
by Audrey Mieir

****Flowers on the altar are given in Honor of The Wesley Health Team.****