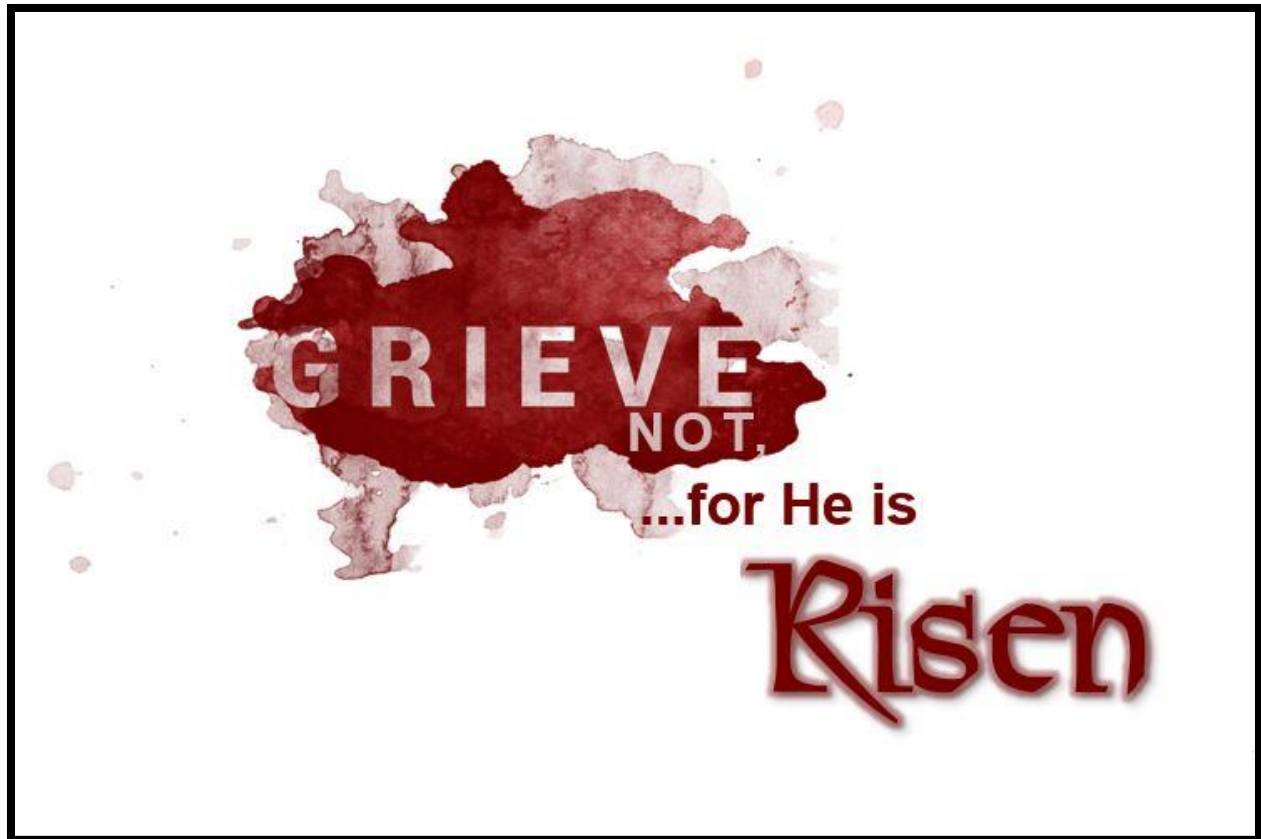


"The Church With The Warm Heart"

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"It's Time to Rise!"

Happy Easter Sunday! We are a resurrection people and that means we are eternally optimistic in the face of all things. No matter what we have to face; no matter how big the giants are; no matter how rough the seas are; no matter how difficult things may be; we can overcome them all because we know that the Spirit of God is the most powerful force in the universe. If God be in and for us, then who can be against us? Wesley, let's have a heart-to-heart conversation.

It is time for us to rise! In other words, let's go to the next level. We have been together, you and I, going on 7 years. We have been through smooth and rough times together. You have learned from me and I have learned from you. I have learned more about you and you have learned more about me. Just as you have learned to accept my perfections and imperfections, I have learned to accept yours as well. In other words, we have "felt" each other out and now have some understanding of one another. You should know this about me. I will help grow this church by any means necessary. I am in it for the long haul. For me, Wesley is not a stepping stone to a larger church. Together, we will lift the church on our collective shoulders and take it to where it needs to be. Teamwork makes the dream work. Where does it need to be?

First, it needs to walk down the street called "Excellence". Then it needs to climb the mountain of "Making a Difference," and then it needs to swim in the pool of "Powerful Witness" and then dry off with the towel of "Desire, Drive, and Determination." Next, the church needs to stroll through the field of "Faithfulness" and then climb the trees of "Tithing" and then feel the grass of "Greatness" between its toes. All the while basking in the "Light and Love" and "Warmth and Wonder" of the Son! We are headed somewhere and our destination depends on us. I say "us" because God will only take "us" as far as we are willing to go. In order to benefit from God's leading, we have to be willing to follow. In order to benefit from God's vision, we have to be visionary. In order to benefit from God's mission, we have to be missionaries. God will only take us as far as we are willing to go.

Let me remind you of the Exodus event. Once Israel received emancipation from Egypt, some could only go so far as the wilderness. Those that didn't make it out of the wilderness did so because of their choosing. Those who eventually made it to the Promised Land of Canaan did so because of their choosing, with the exception of Moses. The point I am making is this. The decision to reach our divine destiny, whether individually or collectively, is up to us. God has already spoken. It is up to us to accept what God has already said.

EASTER SUNDAY

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.
www.wesleyumcchicago.org

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR APRIL: "Restoration is on the Way"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE or GOLD

Scripture for the month:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Call to Worship

Prayer

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 118:14-24

Offering

Scripture

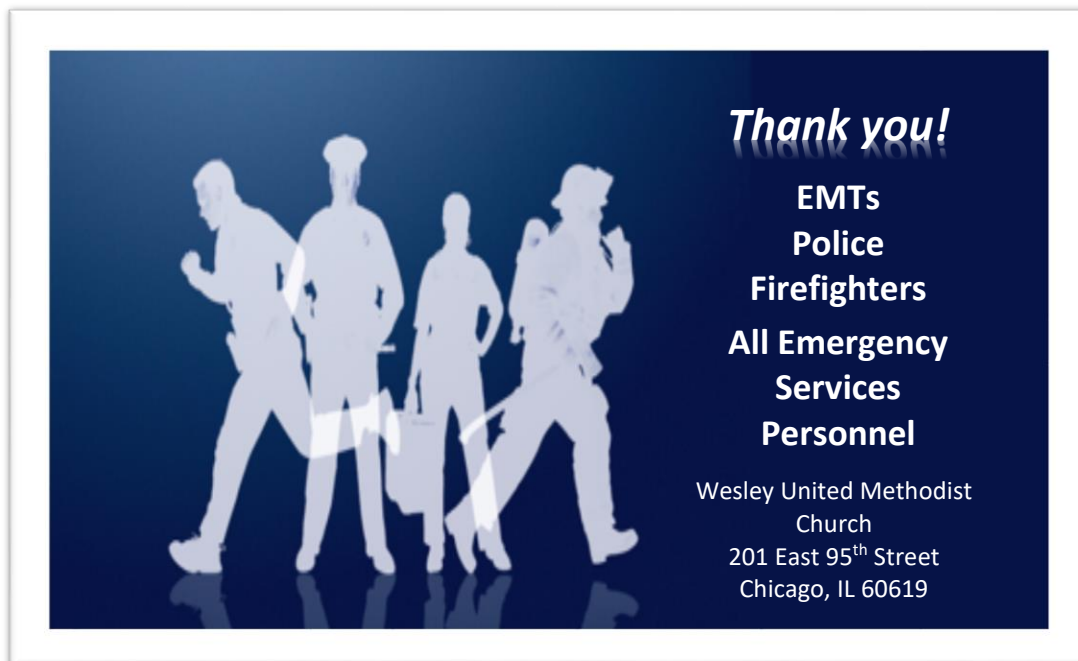
Luke 24:28-35

Sermon

"A Sight for Sore Eyes"

Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Benediction



Morning Scripture

Luke 24:28-35 (NKJV)

²⁸ Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.

²⁹ ***But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.***

³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ ***Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.***

³² And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ ***So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,***

³⁴ saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

³⁵ ***And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (3/29/20)	102 (views)
Sunday Morning Worship Call	34 (callers)
Prayer Group	15 (callers)
Bible Study Calls (AM=12 PM=7)	19 (callers)
TOTAL	170

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 118:14-24

***(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad.***

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my power;
the LORD has become my salvation.

***¹⁵ There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:***

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ *the right hand of the LORD is exalted,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"*

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

***¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.***

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them, and give thanks to the LORD.

***²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.***

***(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad.***

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

***²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.***

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***(R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad.***

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Do you have the *GivePlus+* app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco’s *GivePlus+* app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for [Apple](#), or [Google](#)) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that’s it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! *GivePlus+* also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply send a text to **833-595-0705** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!
- **Wesley’s Support Call – Mondays at 6 pm** This ‘support call’ will be open to anyone who is feeling challenged during this time or need to feel connected to your church family. During these calls, 1 person is needed to do the opening prayer and 1 person is needed to provide either an inspirational story, poem, song or clean joke. Call in info: 425-436-6348; 672500
- The **NIC Discipleship Task Force** invites United Methodist youth and young adults across the conference to participate in our first **meme-making** contest called, “***What Does Jesus Meme to Me?***” The contest runs **March 15 through April 15**. (Entries must be submitted between 12p March 15 and 12p on April 15). Prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), and 3rd (\$50) place entries in the following age brackets: 8th grade and under; 9th - 12th grade; and young adults **under 22 years old**. Use the hashtag #whatJesusmemestome and help spread the good news of Jesus Christ! Click/visit www.umcnic.org/memecontest for rules and more information.
- **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive** Wesley has kicked off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive!** We are asking each member of the church to prayerfully sign a pledge, committing to one of two sacrificial giving program tiers for the first 6 months of the year: **Contractor @ \$750; Bricklayer @ \$500**, either of which may be submitted in installments or a single payment. Our faith-raising goal is **\$60,000**.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Denise Richardson	April 12 th
Charles Curtis	April 13 th
Gloria Banks	April 14 th
Kaylen Lomax	April 16 th
Mary Alice Lovely	April 18 th
Dwight McCombs	April 18 th
Monique Howard	April 20 th

Skylar Wilson	April 21 st
Letha Cunningham	April 23 rd
Ebun Agbaje-Williams	April 24 th
Jasmine Kidd	April 24 th
Regina Julun	April 24 th
Frederick Woolery	April 25 th
Braila West	April 30 th

PRAYER LIST

Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!

(* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u>SHUT-IN</u>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucille Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Edna Lott (18)	*Fred Williams (20)

<u>GENERAL</u>	
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Adolph Fulbright, Jr.
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols
*Mark Garrett (5)	Betty M. Dermer
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Milton Kellum
*Denise Richardson (20)	Rosie Howard
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Natesha Smith
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	James Sanders
*Lucious Smith (12)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Martha Muhs
*Eric/Darlene Fulbright & Family (4)	Muriel Bolden
*The Moss Family (13)	Gregory Simms
*Rhonda Smith-Leach (4)	Norbert Sanders
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Brittany Porter
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Rhonda Monique Miller
Alexandria Ward	Ashley Parks
Mila Kuntu	Kathy Jenkins
Katherine Thompson	Rebecca Merkson
Katherine Evans	John Anderson
Vinelle Myrie	Jerry Simmons
Leslie Carey Kirk	Rochelle Johnson
Davion McNeal	The Robinson Family
Rashaud Thompson	The Ford Family
Mae Gilliams Fizer and the Gilliams Family	Ron Birton
Robert A. Watkins	Aiden Combs
Aaron Thomas, Jr.	Michael Miller
James Taylor	Angel Acosta
Carl Frazier	Anna Young
The Baker Family	Dorothy Williams
Belinda Starks	Lois Tucker
The Denman Family	David Williams
James Williams	Owen McPherson

National Stress Awareness Month

HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY

BODY



Limit alcohol and caffeine.

Alcohol and caffeine can aggravate anxiety and trigger panic attacks. Instead, drink water.



Eat well-balanced meals.

Do not skip any meals and always keep healthy, energy-boosting snacks on hand.



Get enough sleep.

When stressed, your body needs additional sleep and rest. It's important to get 8 hours of sleep per night!



Exercise daily.

Exercising can help you feel good and maintain your health.

For more mental health information and resources visit:

www.mentalhealthamerica.net



Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

APRIL 2020

+ Event occurs after worship service
* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> -----	30	31 NO Zumba -----	1 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	3	4
5 <i>Remote Palm Sunday Worship Service</i> ----- (No Communion) -----	6 Support Call 6 pm -----	7 NO Zumba -----	8 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	9 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	10	11
12 <i>Remote Easter Worship Service</i> -----	13 Support Call 6 pm -----	14 NO Zumba -----	15 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	16 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	17	18
19 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> -----	20 Support Call 6 pm -----	21 NO Zumba -----	22 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	23 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	24	25
26 <i>Remote Worship Service</i> -----	27 Support Call 6 pm -----	28 NO Zumba -----	29 Remote Bible Study 11 am -----	30 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- NO Zumba -----	1	2

Two Ways to Experience Easter Sunday Worship

1. Visit our website: www.wesleyumcchicago.org, and click **Sunday Sermon**
2. Call **1.425.436.6348/672500 @ 10:30 am** to join our **LIVE Worship Call**

Or, share in **BOTH** worship experiences!

Note: If calling in, please **join the call early**, as traffic in the call system will be heavy.

Social Commentary

Lightfoot Declares ‘Public Health Red-Alarm’ About Racial Disparity in COVID-19 Deaths

by Fran Spielman



Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Monday said it was “devastating” and a “public health red alarm” that 70 percent of the 86 Chicago residents who have died from the coronavirus are African American, and she promised a “very robust and immediate comprehensive plan” to confront the disparity. Long before the COVID-19 pandemic brought everyday life in Chicago to a halt, Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady had said her primary goal was narrowing the nine-year gap in life expectancy between black and white Chicagoans.

The so-called “death gap” between people who live downtown compared to parts of the West Side is an even more astounding: 16 years. To combat infant mortality, one of the five driving forces behind that gap, the city launched a pilot program last fall to have a home nurse visit inner-city mothers three weeks after they give birth. Three months later, West Side hospitals and the Chicago-based American Medical Association agreed to contribute \$6 million — nearly twice their prior commitment — to community and health improvements on the West Side.

Against that backdrop, Lightfoot was asked to respond to the fact that 61 of the 86 recorded deaths of city residents from coronavirus as of Saturday were African Americans, though blacks make up just 29 percent of the city’s population. The mayor said the numbers need to be viewed in the context of the alarm the Department of Public Health has sounded for years: There are “equity and health access disparities all across our city,” and particularly in black and brown communities, she said.

“We know the problems of diabetes, of heart disease, of respiratory illness are really prevalent in communities of black and brown folks. We know that access to health care is a similar challenge in a lot of those communities,” the mayor said. From the onset of “this disease that is just ruthless in the way that it attacks” seniors and people with underlying conditions, Lightfoot said, she has highlighted those most vulnerable populations. She knew they would be “most at risk and, unfortunately, the data has proved that out.”

“This is something that is a public health red alarm that we have to make sure we are stepping up as a community to address,” Lightfoot said. “And we’re gonna be activating every part of the black and brown community — from the faith community to elected officials, to neighborhood organizations and, of course, the network of health care providers,” the mayor added. “Not just the hospitals. But also the doctors, the insurance companies. This is something that we have to tackle as a community.”

Little Known Black History Fact

Toni Stone

By D. L. Chandler



Toni “Tomboy” Stone was the first woman to play for a men’s professional baseball league. Although she was signed to save a lagging Negro League team’s ticket sales, she proved to be far more than just a novelty player.

Marcenia Lyle Stone was born July 17, 1921 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Of her four siblings, Stone was the most athletic and wanted to do nothing more than to play sports, much to the disappointment of her parents. One account shares that Stone’s family sat their 10-year-old daughter down with a local priest to talk her out of her addiction to sports but he instead ended up asking her to play for his Little League team. By the time she was 15, Stone was playing for a local semi-professional team, the Twin City Colored Giants. Regarded as a phenom, she played second baseman alongside men that towered over her 5-foot-7 frame.

After moving to the Bay Area in the ’40’s to care for a sick sibling, Stone’s fortunes in baseball changed drastically. Now 32, she worked a series of hard labor jobs to make ends meet but found a way to get back to the game she loved. She adopted the name “Toni” and shaved 10 years off her age to hopefully join a local men’s baseball team. In 1949, the San Francisco Sea Lions of the West Coast Negro Baseball League hired her and paid her a respectable \$200 monthly salary. It put Stone on the radar of other teams in the Negro Leagues. Despite her talents, men resented Stone and she told interviewers that it was tough on her. The Jim Crow laws of the times and the team’s travels made things even more difficult for her.

But in 1953, her big break came when the Indianapolis Clowns signed her. The team was the baseball version of the Harlem Globetrotters team, a squad that looked to show up its opponents. The Negro League was declining in quality as many Black stars were defecting to major league baseball. The Clowns’ owner, Syd Pollock, signed Stone as a novelty. Pollock even wanted her to wear a skirt in a game to appeal to fans, which she refused. Stone played in 50 games for the Clowns and batting a decent .243, even getting a hit off the legendary pitcher Satchel Paige. She also played with young stars such as Willie Mays and Ernie Banks. In 1950, Stone married political lawyer Aurelious Alberga, 40 years her senior. After playing for the Clowns, the team traded her to the Kansas City Monarchs, which led to her retirement. She was inducted into the Women’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1993. Stone spent the rest of her days as a nurse and caring for her husband. She passed in 1996 at the age of 75.

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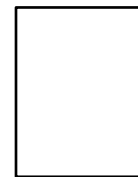
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**2020 Vision:
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(Matthew 19:14)



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Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66th Church Anniversary!** We are so very grateful for the years of service to this community, yet we know there is still much left to be done.

We've kicked-off our **66th Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, "*Building for the Future.*" Program details will be shared periodically during morning worship service and via mailings. Please prayerfully consider participating in this sacrificial giving program. These special gifts can be given in a single payment or in installments over several months. We need your sober commitment to support our church and serve the Lord through this ministry!

2020 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of April 12th – April 18th

April 12

Joshua 5:1-7:15

Luke 15:1-32

Psalm 81:1-16

Proverbs 13:1

April 15

Joshua 11:1-12:24

Luke 17:11-37

Psalm 84:1-12

Proverbs 13:5-6

April 13

Joshua 7:16-9:2

Luke 16:1-18

Psalm 82:1-8

Proverbs 13:2-3

April 16

Joshua 13:1-14:15

Luke 18:1-17

Psalm 85:1-13

Proverbs 13:7-8

April 14

Joshua 9:3-10:43

Luke 16:19-17:10

Psalm 83:1-18

Proverbs 13:4

April 18

Joshua 16:1-18:28

Luke 19:1-27

Psalm 87:1-7

Proverbs 13:11

April 17

Joshua 15:1-63

Luke 18:18-43

Psalm 86:1-17

Proverbs 13:9-10