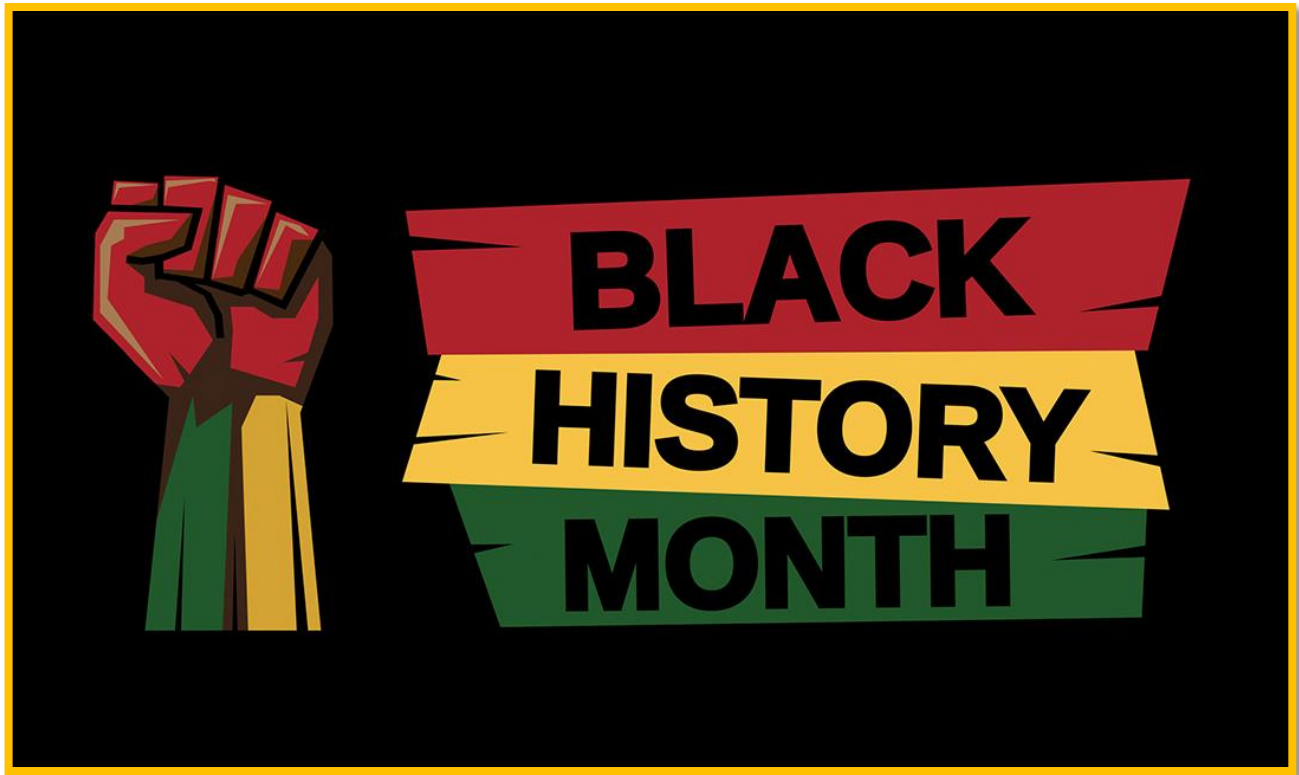


"The Church With The Warm Heart"

February 7, 2021



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“Without Telling ‘Our-Story’ There Can Be No True History”

Another Black History Month is upon us. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson was prophetic in starting the national conversation of designating one month for remembering and honoring the contributions and achievements of American citizens of African descent. It indeed was necessary for a Black History Month because we live in what has been called the United States of Amnesia. American powerbrokers who control what is codified as “his-story” would have loved to keep African-Americans invisible and the whole country ignorant of our contributions that started way before 1776. ‘Our-story’ is better than ‘his-story’.

Historians, like Dr. John Hope Franklin, have had to fight to get our story included in American history books. When I was in high school, I can remember that the only consideration Blacks were given in American history books were five pages describing slavery, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movement. What a travesty. Now the history books contain much more information of America’s sun-kissed children brought to this country against their will. There would be no America as we know it without our contributions of blood, sweat, tears, and toil. There would be no America as we know it without our contributions in business, computer science, medicine, government, physics, education, music, the military, athletics, entertainment, politics, and religion.

Black History is as much of American history as the first Europeans to arrive here; it is as much of American history as the great achievements of Italian, Irish, German, and Polish immigrants who passed through Ellis Island. We have been a part of this country from the beginning. Our ancestors were in this country long before many of the ‘majority culture’ ancestors were. The Transatlantic Slave Trade impacted the entire American economy in both the South and the North: from cotton fields to tobacco fields; from sugar cane to shipbuilding; from banks to insurance companies that financed and insured slave ships; from rice fields to rum profits; the buying and selling of Africans fueled it all. Slavery supported the financial, agricultural, and manufacturing sectors of the American economy. Without us, there would be no America as we know it. Have a great week.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR FEBRUARY: "We've come this far by faith"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COLOR: WHITE

Scripture for the month: ²³ For the LORD your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. ²⁴ He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever." Joshua 4:23-24 (NLT)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-5, 18-21 see video, or page 4

Psalm of Praise Psalm 147:1-11 see video, or page 5

Announcements

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *"When God Hits the Reset Button"* Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Holy Communion A Service of Word and Table, II see video, or hymnal (page 12)

Affirmation of Faith

Benediction

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (01/31/21)	78 (views)
Worship Call "	24 (callers)
Sunday School "	15 (callers)
Prayer Group	6 (callers)
Bible Study (AM: 12)	12 (views/calls)
TOTAL	135

Morning Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-5, 18-21 (NKJV)

¹ But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called *you* by your name;
You are Mine.

² ***When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you.***

³ For I *am* the LORD your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I gave Egypt for your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

⁴ ***Since you were precious in My sight,
You have been honored,
And I have loved you;
Therefore I will give men for you,
And people for your life.***

⁵ Fear not, for I *am* with you;
I will bring your descendants from the east,
And gather you from the west;

¹⁸ ***“Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.***

¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.

²⁰ ***The beast of the field will honor Me,
The jackals and the ostriches,
Because I give waters in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My people, My chosen.***

²¹ ***This people I have formed for Myself;
They shall declare My praise.***

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 147:1-11

(R) Praise the Lord who reigns above: Alleluia!

¹ Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
a song of praise is fitting.

***² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
and gathers the outcasts of Israel.***

³ The LORD heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

***⁴ The LORD determines the number of the stars,
and gives to all of them their names.***

⁵ Great is our LORD, and abundant in power,
whose understanding is beyond measure.

***⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden,
but casts the wicked to the ground.***

(R) Praise the LORD who reigns above: Alleluia!

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody upon the lyre to our God

⁸ who covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow upon the hills.

***⁹ The LORD gives to the beast their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.***

¹⁰ The LORD takes no delight in the might of a horse
nor pleasure in the strength of a runner,

***¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in the faithful,
in those who hope in the LORD's steadfast love.***

(R) Praise the LORD who reigns above: Alleluia!

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: www.wesleyumcchicago.org and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **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 our **DEDICATED** text number, **1-833-595-0705**, 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.
- **Black History Month Book Discussion** Join us on **February 20, 2021, 11 am**, for a Black History Month book discussion reviewing the new Isabel Wilkerson book, ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***. Pick up the book [now](#) and be ready to join the discussion! Facilitator: Stephanie Jackson-Williams. A limited supply of books will be available for those who wish to participate but are unable to purchase them. Contact Stephanie for details: skjackwill@gmail.com | 312.961.8909. RSVP [here](#) today to confirm your participation.
- **All End-of-Year Contribution Statements** have been mailed to the member addresses on file.
- **The Lenten season is approaching.** Even though we can't be together for worship, we are a congregational family in spirit. During the lenten season, we usually provide coin gleaners for our members to give a special Easter donation to the church. This year we won't be distributing gleaners but we hope you will still remember to give an **Easter blessing** this Easter Sunday.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rori Rogers	February 1 st	Carlton Binion	February 10 th	Gloria Lomax	February 16 th
Tina Bailey	February 2 nd	Chester Plaxico	February 11 th	Dr. Sooniti Weems	February 19 th
Janiyah Flakes	February 3 rd	Roosevelt Wiley	February 11 th	Mary Holmes	February 21 st
Frederick Williams	February 4 th	Ciara Curtis	February 12 th	Charles Goodrich	February 26 th
Shirley Adams	February 7 th	Laniya Bradley	February 14 th	Edward W. Davis	February 27 th
David Stinson	February 8 th	Catherine Hudson	February 14 th	Ronetta Graham	February 28 th
Clarence Rogers II	February 9 th	Cheryl Turner	February 15 th	Sierra Rainey	February 28 th

Be sure to wish our members with February birthdays 'Happy Birthday!'

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)
*Lucile Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	

<u>GENERAL</u>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Shatarah Ridley
*Gloria Banks (20)	Sam Agnew	David Williams
*Doris Echols (16)	Nannie Agnew	Owen McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	Gregory McPherson
*Diamond Jones (12)	Annie Lois Robinson	James Taylor
*Trinity Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	James Curtis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	The Baker Family
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Carolyn Ransom	Anna Young
*Mark Garrett (5)	Sylvia Nichols	Dorothy Williams
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Milton Kellum	Lois Tucker
*Denise Richardson (20)	Rosie Howard	Katherine Evans
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Natesha Smith	Carl Frazier
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	James Sanders	Robert A. Watkins
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Joanna Lennhardt	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Martha Muhs	Michael Miller
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Muriel Bolden	Angel Acosta
*The Moss Family (13)	Gregory Simms	Tammy Pompeo
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	Norbert Sanders	Sharon Cruikshank
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Brittany Porter	Vinelle Myrie
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Alexandria Ward
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	Ashley Parks	Davion McNeal
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Kathy Jenkins	Willie Moore
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	Rebecca Merkson	Peaches Clark
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	John Anderson	Larry Clark
*Ena Davis (1)	Jerry Simmons	Justin York
*Gwendolyn Watkins (7)	Rochelle Johnson	Russell York
*Doris & Dwight Thompson & Fam. (19)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Percy & Essie Hayes
*Helen York and Family (5)	Mila Kuntu	Mildred Forest
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Ron Birton	Takia Yearby
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Aiden Combs	The Anderson Family
*Barbara & John Sanders (3)	Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	The Marshall Family
*The Porter Family (5)	Rashaud Thompson	The Weddington Family
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk	James Williams
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Douglas Hargray	Juanita Weatherspoon
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	Robert Leach	

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

FEBRUARY 2021

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 Youth Sunday! 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	1	2	3 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	4 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	5	6 UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am ----- UMM Communion Element Pick-up 11 am – 1 pm (parking lot)
7  9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	8	9	10 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	11 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	12 Wesley's Family Game Night	13 UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am
14 9 am  Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Remote Worship & 10:30 am Call Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	18 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	19	20 CSD-UMW Learning Event 2021 (via Zoom) 9 am \$5 Pre-registration required
21 9 am Sunday School Call 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	22	23	24 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	25 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	26	27 Board of Trustees Mtg 9 am (via Zoom)
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Coming Up in March...

Lifeline Health Screenings
 Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The Community Blood Center Blood Drive
 Saturday, March 20, 2021

SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

How to Cope with Stress During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

The outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger.

You can increase your chances of long-term success if you follow these tips:

- ✔ While at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle—including proper diet, sleep, exercise, and social contacts with loved ones at home and by email and phone with other family and friends.
- ✔ If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counselor, and pray. Have a plan, where to go, and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.
- ✔ Get the facts. Gather information that will help you accurately determine your risk so that you can take reasonable precautions. Find a credible source you can trust, such as the WHO website or a local or state public health agency.
- ✔ Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.
- ✔ Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous life's adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during the challenging time of this outbreak.



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Social Commentary

Carjackings Show That, Despite Pandemic's Economic Toll, Parents Must Watch Their Kids

by Mary Mitchell



Recently, I switched cars with a sister when I traveled out of state to care for a family member. When I called to find out how things were going, I was surprised to learn that she had not picked up my car because she was reluctant to drive it. No amount of assurances could convince her to get behind the wheel of my late-model luxury car. She was too afraid it would be a magnet for carjackers roaming the streets. Such is the impact the city's alarming numbers of carjackings is having on some of us.

Last year, there were 1,417 carjackings. The police made 1,217 arrests in carjacking-related crimes, according to police Supt. David Brown. This year, there have been "144 carjackings, and police arrested 104 suspects and recovered 611 guns," Brown said. No one wants to be a victim of carjackers. Most of us have car insurance, so, if the stolen vehicle is not recovered, the insurer will replace it. But it's the guns that concern me and my sister. Brown is calling on everyone — "teachers, mentors, coaches, parents, the faith community — to help." He's preaching to the choir. With carjackings skyrocketing and the primary offenders being young people, it must be because there is a severe lack of supervision in too many homes. We can blame the pandemic for that. Some parents had to make the tough choice of leaving their children alone while they went to their "essential" jobs. That was unfortunate. There's no shortage of mischief teenagers can get into when they are home alone and not involved in something constructive.

With the lengthy lockdown of churches, youth recreational facilities, in-class learning and after-school activities, it is a miracle that things aren't a lot worse. Don't take this the wrong way. COVID-19 is not an excuse for bad behavior. As the killing of a retired firefighter, Dwain Williams, showed, there is very little we can do to protect ourselves from a scrum of armed teenagers. Williams drew his weapon, and the carjackers fatally shot him. As Brown points out, it's only a matter of time before a teenager is killed in the act of a carjacking. City officials need to figure out ways to help working parents provide the supervision that vulnerable teens need. Those teenagers who have violated their community and the city in this way have to be held accountable. Otherwise, the number of carjackings will continue to climb. And adults who recruit teens to join a car-theft ring should face enhanced criminal charges. Because criminal justice reform is at the top of the political agenda right now, legislators will be reluctant to call

for stiffer penalties when young people are involved. But carjacking is no joke. If a young person is guilty of violently taking someone's car, the punishment has to fit the crime.

Little Known Black History Fact

Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph

by D.L. Chandler



The **Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph** was one of the first Black women ordained as to preach and lead an African Methodist Episcopal Zion church. Rev. Randolph used her position in the pulpit to call out racism, gender inequality, and other issues related to social reform.

Florence Spearing Randolph was born in August 1866 in Charleston, South Carolina, moving north to New Jersey to work as a dressmaker. In the late 1800's, preaching became Randolph's true calling and she sought to become ordained in the A.M.E.Z. Church. The resistance from the bishops and church leadership was strong, but she was eventually ordained as a deacon in 1901, and as a church leader in 1903, where she also gained her license to preach.

In 1925, Rev. Randolph was elected to lead Wallace Chapel A.M.E.Z. Church in Summit, New Jersey. She became known for her powerful lectures and sermons, and famously preached that white people mistreating Black people across the nation went against the very root of Christianity.

Rev. Randolph was the first Black woman to enroll in Drew University in New Jersey, and there is now an annual award named after her given to a Black female student who shows promise as a church leader and preacher.

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Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:

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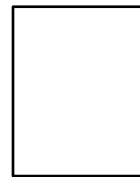
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Black History Month

Book Discussion

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Purchase the book now and be ready to join the discussion!

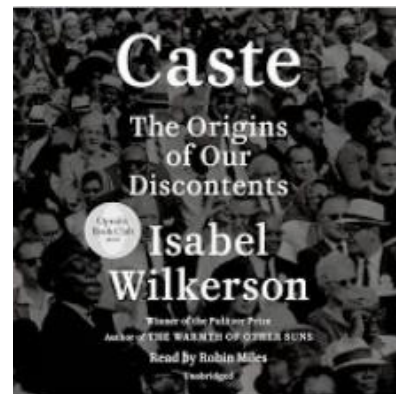
Click [here](#) to purchase (Amazon.com).

Facilitator: Stephanie Jackson-Williams

Please contact Stephanie for details.

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Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for February's Book Discussion!



Click image above for NY Times book review.

As you read, here to listen to a podcast of the author, moderated by Oprah Winfrey.

2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

Week of February 7th – February 13th

February 7

Exodus 26:1-27:21

Matthew 25:1-30

Psalms 31:1-8

Proverbs 8:1-11

February 8

Exodus 28:1-43

Matthew 25:31-26:13

Psalms 31:9-18

Proverbs 8:12-13

February 9

Exodus 29:1-30:10

Matthew 26:14-46

Psalms 31:19-24

Proverbs 8:14-26

2021:

“The Year of Restoration”

(1 Peter 5:10)

February 13

Exodus 35:10-36:38

Matthew 27:32-66

Psalms 34:1-10

Proverbs 9:7-8

February 10

Exodus 30:11-31:18

Matthew 26:47-68

Psalms 32:1-11

Proverbs 8:27-32

February 11

Exodus 32:1-33:23

Matthew 26:69-27:14

Psalms 33:1-11

Proverbs 8:33-36

February 12

Exodus 34:1-35:9

Matthew 27:15-31

Psalms 33:12-22

Proverbs 9:1-6