

October 26, 2025

Big Questions | Worthy Dreams

Week Three

Enduring Faith

Isaiah 40:27-31; Romans 5:1-5

The Rev. David Fuquay



Welcome to Wesley

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Welcoming All | Growing in Faith | Serving in Love

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Gathering

Prelude

Abide With Me
Choral Prelude on Eventide

by Alec Rowley
Sharron Mies, Organist

Welcome

The Rev. David Fuquay

Introit

Rejoice!

by Laurie Matheson

***Call to Worship**

adapted from Psalm 42–43

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come, seeking water for our weariness, hope for our hearts.

Come, you who know the weight of sorrow or the ache of unanswered prayer.

We come, carrying our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who long for good news.

We come, searching for joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in the God who is our rock.

We will again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

***Opening Hymn #139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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***Opening Prayer**

Congregation

Eternal God, you are the source of our strength and the song of our hearts. When our spirits grow faint, you lift us up; when our hope flickers, you breathe it to flame again. Gather us in your steadfast love—to rest in your presence, to be renewed by your grace, and to rise with wings of faith and joy. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Congregation

Time for the Child in Each of Us

Pastor Yiwen Bi

Centering

Call to Prayer

The Rev. David Fuquay

Prayer Hymn #453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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Prayers of the People

*Response: Lord in your mercy / **Hear our prayer***

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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.

Choral Response

And the peace of God

by Laurie Matheson

Prayer for Illumination

Harith Tamimie

God of steadfast love and endless mercy, speak to us through these ancient words until they become living truth within us. By your Spirit, open our eyes to see your faithfulness, our hearts to receive your strength, and our lives to be shaped by your hope. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

Romans 5:1-5

Scriptural Response

from Psalm 42:11

Let us join together in the scriptural response:

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise the One who is my help and my God.

Anthem

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

Jessica Blomberg, Soloist

Enduring Faith

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Thanksgiving

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

Sarabande from Partita I

J.S. Bach

Laurie Matheson, Pianist

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Yiwen Bi

***Doxology #94**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Going Forth

Closing Hymn #384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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***Opportunities to Connect and Serve**

Pastor Yiwen Bi

***Benediction**

The Rev. David Fuquay

***Benediction Response**

Benediction

by Laurie Matheson

O God of love, help me to be more loving

God of forgiveness, help me to forgive

God of all grace,

help me to be more gracious

God of all gifts, help me more freely give

O God of truth, help me to work for justice

O God of mercy, help me to be kind

O God of peace and goodness,

help me serve you

With all my heart and strength and mind.

Postlude

Ein' Feste Burg

Martin Luther; arr. Alice Jordan

Sharron Mies, Organist

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of ere - a
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tern - ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon-der a - new what the Al - might-y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth-er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
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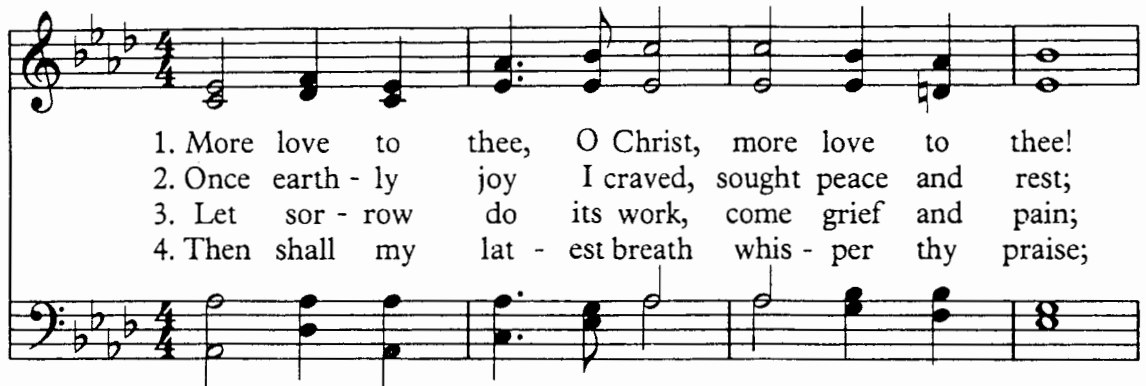
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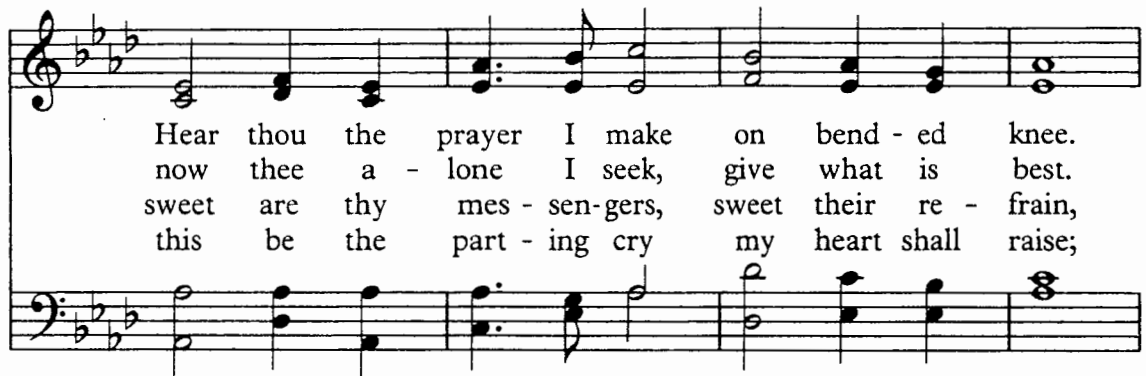
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More Love to Thee, O Christ

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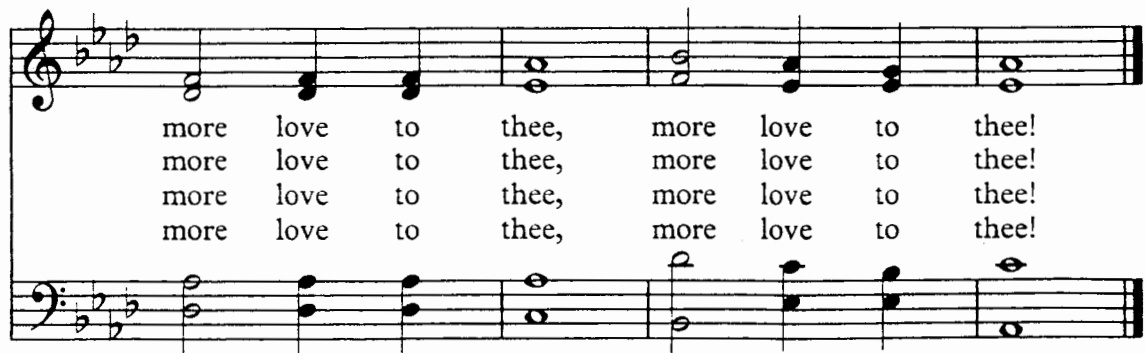
1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 3. Let sor - row do its work, come grief and pain;
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



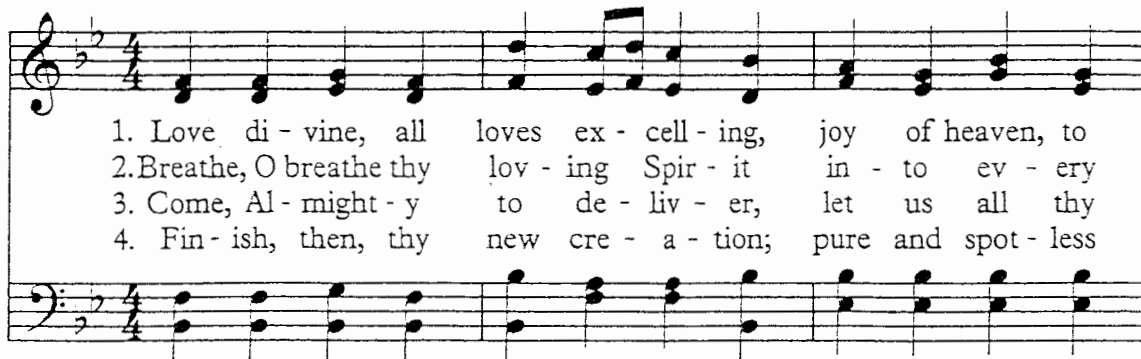
Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best.
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;



This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;



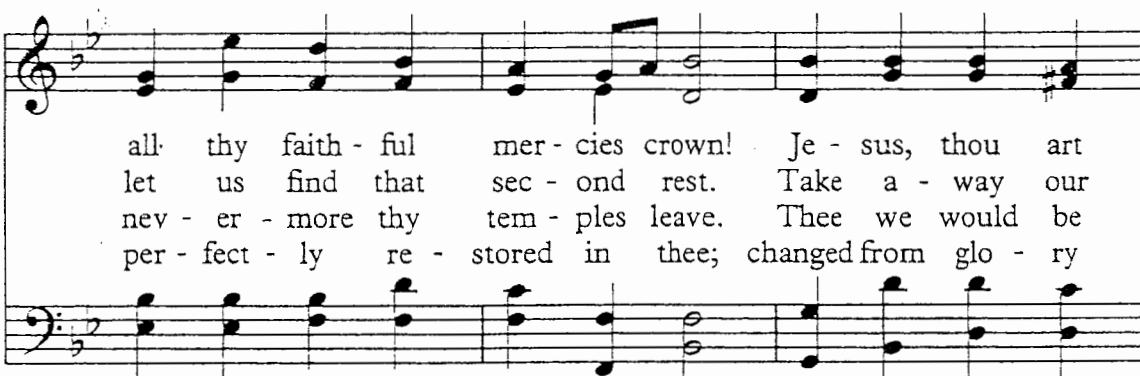
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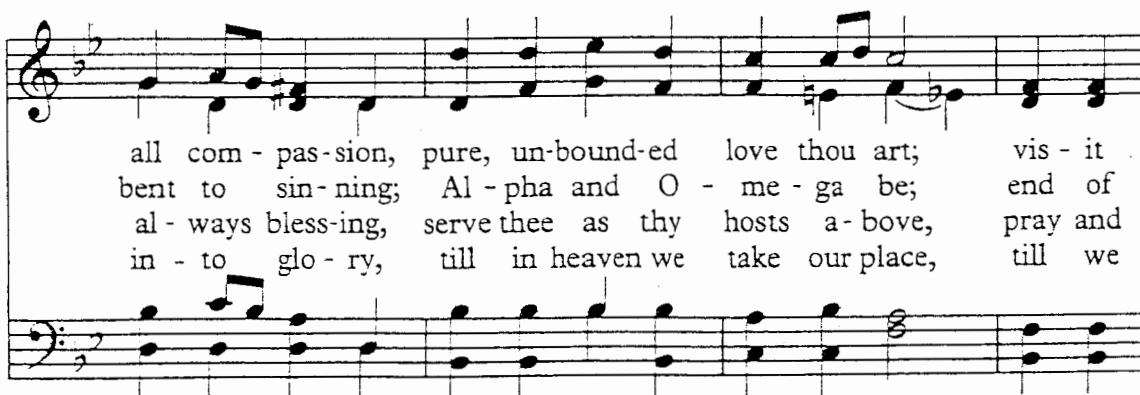
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



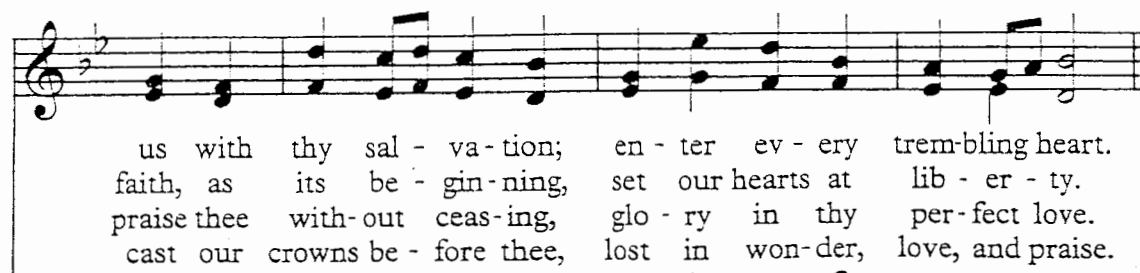
earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 26, 2025

- 9:30am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Children's Sunday School – Room 127
- 10:30am Coffee Hour – Sanctuary Patio
- 11:00am Animate Class – Student Lounge
- 11:00am Scriptural Foundation Class – Conf. Room
- 11:20am Eleven20 Worship – Etc. Coffeehouse
- 2:00pm Church Charge Conference – Faith UMC

Monday, October 27, 2025

- 10:30am Monday Book Study – Conf. Room
- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 5:30pm Education Committee – Room 126
- 6:15pm Grief Support Group – Conf. Room

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study – Conf. Room
- 12-5pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 1:00pm Food Pantry at Parkland College
- 3:00pm Learning Korean for Fun – Conf. Room
- 5:00pm Praise Band Practice – Etc. Coffeehouse
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir – Choir Room
- 7:00pm Midweek Dinner & Worship – Etc. Coffeehouse

Thursday, October 30, 2025

- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 5:00pm Evening Food Pantry – Rooms 48 & 50

Friday, October 31, 2025

- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 3:00pm ESL Class – Conf. Room
- 4:00pm Intl Coffeehouse – Etc. Coffeehouse

Saturday, November 1, 2025

- 3:00pm Sufi Meditation Session – Watseka Lounge



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ASSISTING TODAY

Coffee Hour

Josh Hall

Ushers

Susan & Mike Haney

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE TODAY AT 2:00 PM

Wesley will gather with other local congregations for our Annual Charge Conference today at 2:00 pm at Faith UMC. This yearly meeting is where we celebrate ministry milestones, approve leadership and clergy compensation for the coming year, and look ahead to where God is calling us next. All are welcome to attend.

A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF PRIDE | MONDAY, OCT 27 | 7 PM

Inclusive Campus Ministries (ICM) invites you to a **Service in Celebration of Pride** on **Monday, October 27 at 7:00 pm** at **The Chapel of Saint John the Divine** (1011 S. Wright Street). Wesley is joining with **UniPlace Christian Church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, McKinley Presbyterian Church, Community UCC, and St. John's Episcopal Church** for this special interfaith celebration of God's inclusive love.

WESLEY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 5, 11:30 am

Join us for a delightful lunch and fellowship at Casa del Mar (formerly Milo's) in Urbana on Wednesday, November 5 at 11:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect and enjoy great company! To reserve your spot, please email Jane McCulley at janekmculley@gmail.com by Monday, November 3. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE – WESLEY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Join us **Sunday, November 16** for a combined worship service at 10:30 am, followed by our annual Thanksgiving Potluck in the Great Hall. All are welcome! Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATE: CAROL CONCERT AT KRANNERT

Wesley has reserved 15 group tickets for the Carol Concert at Krannert on **Sunday, December 7 at 5pm**. To claim a ticket, email yiwen@wesleyui.org.

Opportunities to Connect & Serve

PASTOR & STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Help us celebrate our wonderful Pastors and Staff throughout the month! Notecards are available at the back of the sanctuary—feel free to write a message of thanks and mail it or drop it off at the church office. You're welcome to drop off cards, treats, or other tokens of appreciation in the church office. Let's take this opportunity to thank the team that serves our congregation and community with such dedication and care! Thank you, SPR/PC

ELEVATE WESLEY CAMPAIGN – BRIDGE THE GAP

Special Campaign Concludes on October 31

We've now received over **\$133,000 in gifts and pledges** toward our goal! Paired with **investment fund earnings**, we are **more than halfway to completing** these vital projects. The bridge to the Sanctuary and the Student Center elevator are both essential for safety, accessibility, and hospitality. Every gift—large or small—helps us move forward. Please consider making a special contribution or pledge **above and beyond your regular giving** by **October 31** to keep Wesley safe, accessible, and welcoming for all. wesleyui.org/giving.

NOW HIRING: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Wesley is seeking a part-time director to lead Sunday School, youth group, and seasonal programs. Send resume/cover letter to donna@wesleyui.org. Learn more at wesleyui.org/employment.

CHRISTMAS GIVING WITH CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME

This November, Wesley is once again partnering with Cunningham Children's Home to bring joy and hope to children in their care this holiday season. You'll have the opportunity to choose a general gift or select a specific wish from a child's list. Details and wish lists will be available soon—thank you for helping us share love and cheer this Christmas!

~Wesley Social Action Mission Team

Wesley Info

ABOUT US:

Wesley United Methodist Church at the University of Illinois, is **where campus and community meet**. We are a diverse congregation committed to **welcoming all, growing in faith, and serving in love**. At Wesley, people of all ages, from all over the world, gather to worship, study, and serve together.

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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service

Eleven20 Coffeehouse Worship (11:20 a.m.)

Wesley Building Hours:

Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wesley Staff:

Senior Pastor/Campus Minister
Associate Pastor/Campus Minister
Director of Music
Food Pantry Director
Business Manager
Office Manager & Wedding Coordinator
Development Assistant
Communications
Childcare Coordinator
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