

March 9, 2025

Everything [in] Between Series

Rev. David Fuquay
Stranger & Neighbor
Luke 10:25-37



Welcome to Wesley

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Gathering

Prelude

Elegy

Harold Darke
Sharron Mies, Organist

Welcome

Rev. David Fuquay

Introit

King Jesus is a-listenin'

William L. Dawson

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Yiwen Bi

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

***Opening Hymn #560**

Help Us Accept Each Other

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***Opening Prayer**

Congregation

Gracious God, just as you were present with the Samaritan on that ancient road, you are here with us now. Guide us to find you in unexpected encounters, and to embrace both the journey and those we meet along the way. May our time together inspire us to bridge divides and transform strangers into neighbors. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Congregation

Time for the Child in Each of Us

Rev. Yiwen Bi

Centering

Call To Prayer #292

What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 1-2)

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, when we set limits on love,

God loves extravagantly.

When we forget that we are neighbors,

God claims us as God's own.

When we judge, hold back, or harm,

God surrounds us with grace.

There is nothing we can do or leave undone
that could separate us from the love of God.

This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God!

Choral Response

Just as I am

Prayer for Illumination

Heather Parkin

Gracious God, we love to ask you questions. We love to bring our curiosity to your feet, to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long. But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear. Awaken a curiosity in us. Awaken a penchant for listening and make room in our spirits for your Word to land. With hope we question, we wonder, we dream, we listen. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Scriptural Response

Galatians 5:14

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Anthem

Secret of Christ

Richard Shephard
Isabella Dippel, solo

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Thanksgiving

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Christopher Pettersen, Soloist

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Yiwen Bi

*** Doxology for Lent**

Tune: Old 100th

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

Going Forth

Closing Hymn #581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

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Opportunities to Connect and Serve

Rev. Yiwen Bi

***Benediction**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of My Life


J.S. Bach
Sharron Mies, Organist

Help Us Accept Each Other


560

Unison



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en-coun-ter with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em-brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep-tance, for righ-teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep-tance, un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give-ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974 (Jn. 15:12)

MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

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What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 2. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
 won-drous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to
 God and to the Lamb who - is the great I AM, while
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
 lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to
 mil-lions join the theme I will sing, I will sing; while
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.
 lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 9

- 9:30am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:30am Coffee Hr/Ministry Fair – Watseka Lounge
- 11:00am Scriptural Foundations – Conf. Room
- 11:00am Animate Class – Student Lounge
- 11:20am Eleven20 Worship – Etc. Coffeehouse
- 12:30pm New Member Orientation – Etc.

ASSISTING TODAY

Coffee Hour

Josh Hall

Ushers

Diana & Steve Herriott

Monday, March 10

- 10:30am Monday Book Study – Conf. Room
- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open

Tuesday, March 11

- 9:00am International Reading Group – Online
- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 5:30pm Food Pantry Board – Conf. Room

Wednesday, March 12

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study – Conf. Room
- 12-6pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 1:00pm Fellowship Gathering – West Lounge
- 1:00pm Food Pantry at Parkland College
- 3:00pm Learning Korean for Fun – Conf. Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00pm Midweek Dinner & Worship – Student Lounge & Etc.
- 7:00pm Progressive Bible Study – Spurgeon Farm

Thursday, March 13

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study – Conf. Room
- 12-6pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 1:00pm Fellowship Gathering – West Lounge
- 1:00pm Food Pantry at Parkland College
- 3:00pm Learning Korean for Fun – Conf. Room
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00pm Midweek Dinner & Worship – Student Lounge & Etc.
- 7:00pm Progressive Bible Study – Spurgeon Farm

Friday, March 14

- 12-8pm Etc. Coffeehouse Open
- 10:15am WesCare – Conf. Room
- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group – West Lounge
- 3:00pm ESL Class – West Lounge
- 4:00pm International Coffeehouse – Etc. Coffeehouse



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Happening Today

FIND YOUR PLACE AT WESLEY!

MINISTRY FAIR

10:30 AM in Watseka Lounge

Looking for a way to get more involved at Wesley? Join us during Coffee Hour for our Ministry Fair! This casual and welcoming event is a great opportunity to explore the many committees and ministry teams that help make Wesley a vibrant and caring community.

Stop by to learn about the different groups, their missions, and the ways **they serve, and discover where your interests and talents might fit.**

Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, connect with others, or share your skills in a meaningful way, there's a place for you.

If you're part of a committee looking for new members, we encourage you to participate and share the work you do.

We hope to see you there!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – JOIN THE WESLEY COMMUNITY!

Thinking about becoming a member of Wesley United Methodist Church? We'd love to welcome you! Our **New Member Orientation** is a great opportunity to learn more about our congregation, explore ways to get involved, and discover what membership means at Wesley. Whether you're considering full, associate, or affiliate membership—or just want to learn more—this session is for you!

When: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch provided!

At the end of the session, you'll have the opportunity to officially join the church if you're ready. We look forward to welcoming you into the Wesley family!

Opportunities to Connect and Serve

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Do you enjoy spending time with children? We're looking for a few more **volunteers** to teach or assist in our **Children's Sunday School** class! Whether you're able to help regularly or just substitute once or twice a semester, your presence can make a big impact. The curriculum is provided, and the kids bring the joy! Sunday School meets **Sundays from 9:45–10:30 AM in Room 127**. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact **Barb Hughes (blhughes3@gmail.com)**. We'd love to have you join us in this meaningful and rewarding ministry!

LENTEN SMALL GROUP: THE CHOSEN (SEASON 4)

Looking for a meaningful way to journey through Lent? Join us for a **special small group experience** as we continue our tradition of watching *The Chosen*, a powerful multi-season series portraying the life of Jesus. Each **Thursday during Lent**, we'll gather to watch an episode from **Season 4**, followed by a short discussion and reflection.

Time: Thursday at 5:30 PM (approx. 1 hour)

No worries if you haven't seen the previous seasons—**all are welcome!** Come as you are and be part of this engaging Lenten journey.

Questions? Contact **Jane McCulley** at janekmcculley@gmail.com.

We look forward to sharing this experience with you!

WESLEY LITERARY TEA

Sunday, March 30 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Now in its 19th year, The 2025 Literary Tea features a mix of classic and contemporary mysteries, with characters ranging from spies and professors to maids and intelligence officers. Set in luxury hotels, retirement villages, small towns, and big cities, these twist-filled tales are not to be missed. Learn more: www.wesleyui.org/post/literary-tea.

HELP PROVIDE DINNER FOR MIDWEEK

Each week we provide dinner for 15-20 students as part of our Midweek program. If you would like to help provide dinner for our Wesley Students, please contact Pastor Yiwen.

Campus Ministry Notes

MID-WEEK: STUDENT DINNER AND WORSHIP

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Student Lounge and Etc. Coffeehouse

Join us for dinner in the Student Lounge, followed by our **Midweek Worship** in The Etc. Coffeehouse. This is a great chance to meet new friends, enjoy a meal, and take a break from your busy week. Come be part of our welcoming and vibrant Wesley Student Community – all are welcome!

THE ETC. COFFEEHOUSE

Corner of Green and Goodwin

More than just a place for coffee, **The Etc. Coffeehouse** is a self-serve, donation-based café where all proceeds support the fight against student hunger. Enjoy regular or flavored drip coffee, tea, and snacks, and find your favorite study spot in our cozy student lounge or the spacious Watseka Lounge. Come for the coffee, stay for the community, and make yourself at home!

FREE ESL CLASS

Fridays at 3 pm

West Lounge

We offer a **free ESL class** for all levels, from beginner to advanced. International students, visiting scholars, family members, and community members are invited to join us as we practice English, make new friends, and explore American culture together. Come grow your confidence in English in a friendly, supportive environment!

INTERNATIONAL COFFEEHOUSE

Fridays from 4 – 6 pm

in the Etc. Coffeehouse

Gather with friends—new and old—at the **International Coffeehouse!** Enjoy coffee, snacks, and conversations in a welcoming space where people from around the world connect. Open to American and international students, visiting scholars, spouses, and Wesley friends. Experience the joy of global community right here!

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
Communications Director
Food Pantry Director
Childcare Coordinator
Business Manager
Office Manager & Wedding Coordinator

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