

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018

CLASSIC WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" - arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

We come to you, O God, with faith:

Let us worship with courage and in hope.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PSALM READING

Psalm 27

RESPONSE FOR THE PSALMS

No. 534

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but it is difficult for us to do so. We are timid and fearful as we follow you. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require.

We struggle to understand the new life offered in Christ, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 488

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11 AM Bailey Sophia Anderson

CHILDREN'S TIME (11 AM)

ANTHEM

8:15 AM

N.O.A.H. Choir

"Shelter in the Storm" - arr. Joel Raney

9:30 & 11 AM

Chancel Choir

"When Visited By Storms" - McNeil/Joubert

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 41:8-10, 17-20

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ann Ables, Piano & Stephen Distad, Organ

"What Wondrous Love Is This?" - arr. Hayes/Gaspard

(Based on Hymn 292)

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN OF INSPIRATION

No. 378

"Amazing Grace" (verses 1-3)

*SERMON TEXT

Acts 27:1, 18-25

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. John Robbins

Fourth in a Series: Stories from the Wilderness

"Paul: Courage in the Wilderness"

*HYMN OF INVITATION

No. 534

"Be Still, My Soul"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 143

***And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.***

POSTLUDE

"Litanies" - Jehan Alain

*Please stand as you are able

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

READ:

Acts 27:1-28:2

REFLECT:

- Paul, a prisoner in transport during this story, stands up several times to speak a word of faith and courage. Who has stepped forward in your story to speak words of faith and courage during uncertain times?
- After the ship goes down everyone on board reaches an unknown island. They do not know what dangers might await them but are surprised by the extraordinary kindness of the local people. When has the kindness of strangers helped you to have courage in the wilderness?

RESPOND:

Just before dawn breaks, Paul urges everyone to eat. He also celebrates communion. Next time you receive communion, imagine what it would be like to have the Lord's Supper on board a ship that is destined to sink.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor

Rev. Susan Wiley, Associate Pastor

Rev. Jim McPhail, Associate Pastor

Victor Resendiz, Lay Pastor

Ann Ables, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Stephen Distad, Organist

Allyson George, Director of Children's Ministries

WELCOME

TO MDUMC

Welcome, guests! We are glad you have chosen MDUMC for your worship this morning and extend to you a warm welcome. If you have questions about our church, you may go to the **INFO CENTER** located in the lobby of the Sanctuary.

NEW HERE?

Discover MDUMC: Are you brand new to MDUMC, or simply looking for new ways to connect? If so, you're invited to join our pastors for the next Discover MDUMC Sunday on **April 8!** Guests and members alike will learn more about Methodism, MDUMC, and ways to engage in community life. Lunch and nursery care are provided. To register, please email JenniferVS@mdumc.org.

Children: Worship activity packets for children can be found in the sanctuary lobby. Also, the Bride's Room is available for families with young children, where a live-feed of the service can be seen. We provide childcare for younger children at all three services in the Nursery. Sunday School is offered at 9:30 AM.

Communion: On non-communion Sundays, we offer the sacrament at 9:20 AM in the Landrum Prayer Chapel located in the east side of Wesley Hall.

Hearing Assistance Devices: If you are hearing impaired, you may request a hearing enhancement device from any usher.

GIVING:

Text Giving: Text the dollar contribution amount to **713-597-3558**. If it is your first time using text giving, a link will display, allowing payment information to be entered. Once the payment information has been set up, just text the dollar amount to make an offering.

Other Ways to Give: Visit mdumc.org/give/ for various ways to give including gifts of stock and securities, tribute and memorial gifts, and giving by phone or mail.

Week of March 4

Worship Attendance: 1,486

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MDUMC NEWS

FEATURED EVENT:

2018
women's dinner

Monday, April 9th | 6 PM

Wesley Hall & Friendship Court

Join us for a fabulous dinner, beautiful tablescapes and an evening with a wonderful speaker, The Rev. Sarah Condon, an Episcopal Priest at St. Martin's in Houston.

\$25 Per Person | \$250 for Tables of 10 | Contact JudyBrewer@mdumc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Final Words of Jesus

Tuesdays in March | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | The Journey
Join Pastor Michael this Lent for a study focused on the final words of Jesus on the cross. Childcare available. Questions, contact MichaelJarboe@mdumc.org.

Soundtrack Book Study

A Forty Day Playlist Through the Psalms
Wednesdays in March | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | D202
Journey through Lent with Pastors Ginny and Jennifer by listening to and discussing the Psalms with fresh ears and open hearts. There's a soundtrack at the center of the Psalms.

Men's Life Retreat

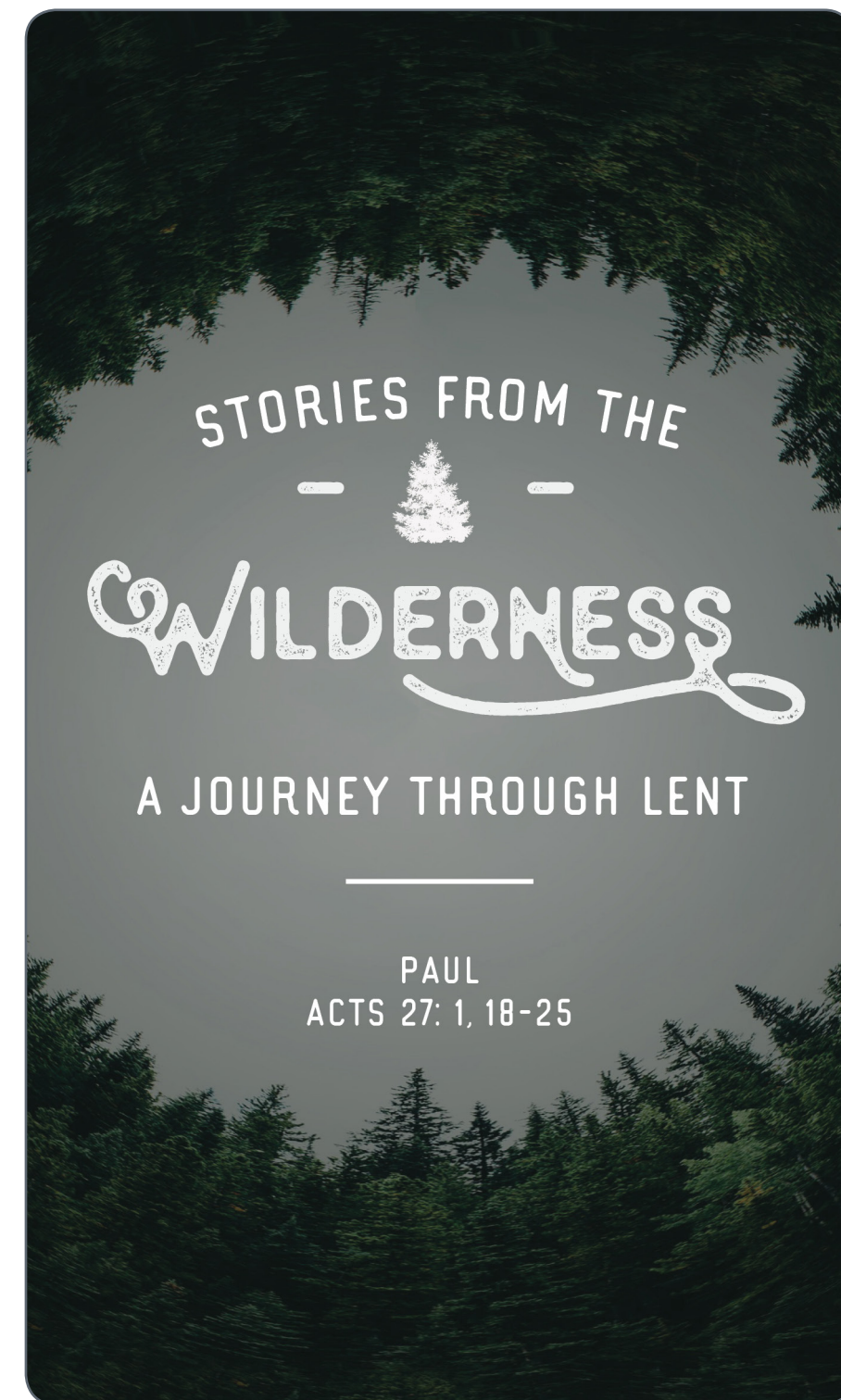
March 23 - 24 | Camp Allen, TX | \$75
Join us for a weekend at Camp Allen where we'll gather to grow together in faith and friendship. Register at mdumc.org/register. Questions, contact MichaelJarboe@mdumc.org.

Golf Tournament

April 15 | 3 PM | TopGolf Houston - Katy
All proceeds benefit youth scholarships! Registration is open to all at mdumc.org/golf. \$100 per player with individual spots and teams of 3 or 6 available. Sponsored by Men's Ministry.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Saturday, March 31 | 9 - 10:30 AM | Wesley Hall
The morning will be filled with breakfast, egg hunting, and crafts. Make sure to bring your basket for the Easter Egg Hunt! Questions, contact MelissaSimmons@mdumc.org.



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