



HERITAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ORDER
May 24, 2020

THE POWER OF THROUGH

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE “And Are We Yet Alive”

CONGREGATION: (stanzas 1 & 4)
And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory, and thanks to Jesus give
For his almighty grace!

Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.

(The sound of the drum begins to play softly, mimicking the heartbeat.)

CENTERING *Jesu, Tawa Pano* (Shona)
(Jesus, We Are Here)
Jesu, Tawa pano,
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Tawa Pano,
Mu-zi-ta re-nyu.
Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
We are here for you.

Since the first quadrennial Methodist General Conference in 1792 look at the cultural, societal cross-currents we've traversed: THROUGH struggles for liberation related to race, gender, sexual identity, and poverty, THROUGH attempts at widening inclusiveness involving language, THROUGH the culture of do-your-own-thing, I-DO-it-my-way autonomy so contrary to Wesleyan connectionalism, THROUGH world wars, civil and not so civil, declared and undeclared wars, famines, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, THROUGH increasing, rapidly-changing modes of communication and transportation that not only bring diverse people and ideas closer together have than ever before but stir even swifter, more treacherous eddies of disagreement, THROUGH more and more people feeling the urge to participate in political processes in protests, marches and social movements and rally into their respective tribes.

THE UMC AND WE WHO ARE ITS PROGENY HAVE COME THROUGH A LOT.

(The drumbeat fades as the video clip begins)

Muskogee Creek – 1800's

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SONG OF GATHERING

*Daw-Kee, Aim Daw-Tsi-Taw
(Great Spirit, Now I Pray to You)*

Daw-kee, aim daw-tsi-taw to-aw-bay taw haal,
Daw-kee, aim daw-tsi-taw to-aw-bay taw haal,
Pbay-gya kee aal ai dahm gya daw,
daw-keah pbay-gya yah tsahn-day-toaw.
Great Spirit, now I pray to you,
I pray now to you, Great Spirit, hear me;
my soul is weary, now I pray
that your Spirit will dwell in me

The journey we're on is not about who gets there first, or how to find it, or what is the right way. It's about hanging-in, hanging-on and hanging-together because the stresses and strains, hurts and challenges in the world where we are called to minister will get the best of us if we're not. . "A house divided against itself...." Hasn't history shown us that? The THROUGHWAY is what puts the deep and abiding thanksgiving that IS the Eucharist, modeled in the Emmaus paradigm – from hopelessness and despair to remembering the history of God's faithfulness, to being at table together – yet and still with all our doubts and fears, Jesus appearing in the midst of us, leaving us scratching our heads that we can and do go forth in difference making ways.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God, we come to you dismayed at our own divisions.
We have struggled as your church to live in unity;
but we are divided along all the fault lines of our societies.
The ruptures in our families, among friends, among denominations, among nations are wide and deep. When we attempt to be the same page, we build taller walls and dig deeper trenches.

GOD, HELP US!

We know that Christ is not divided.
We know that it is your baptism to which we have been called.
It is your service to which we are compelled.
You have called us to proclaim the gospel, but we even fight about what that is.

HELP US, GOD!

Help us to give up our thirst for power and privilege.
Help us to embrace and to live the foolishness of a life emptied of selfishness and given to

service, in the likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Help us to yield for the sake and cause of the cross of Jesus.
Help us to want the unity you share, for you are *One in Three* and *Three in One*.
Help us to walk in salvation...in the Name of the Servant Christ. Amen!

**IN YOU, THERE IS NO DIVISION!
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

SCRIPTURE (NRSV) Galatians 5: 22-23
Luke 24:13-35

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD “CREDO” Virtual Mass Choir
(This musical setting of the Apostle’s Creed can also be used during Pentecost and Trinity Sundays.)

SERMON “THE POWER OF THROUGH”

LITANY OF HOPE

ONE: *When you pass **through** the waters, I will be with you;
and **through** the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk **through** fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

ALL (singing)

**Through it all, Through it all,
I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God.**

**Through it all, Through it all,
I have learned to depend upon his Word.**

ONE: *I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south,
“Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters
from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”
Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf,
yet have ears!*

ALL: *Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.*

ONE: *Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear
and say, “It is true.” (Isa. 43:6-9)*

Group 1 or ALL (singing)
Through it all, Through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God.

Group 2 or ALL (singing)
Through it all, Through it all,
I have learned to depend upon his Word.

ONE: *Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isa. 43:16-19)*

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Leader: The passing of the peace is an act of mutual love and dedication that signifies one way that we demonstrate Christ's unconditional love and humility for each of us.

The pastor or worship leader demonstrates a sign or recites a phrase, participants are invited to do the same.

HYMN OF HOPE

SING A NEW CHURCH

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB
Tune: Nettleton ("Come, Thou Fount")

Verse 1: Summoned by the God who made us, rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Verse 2: Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been.
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Verse 3: Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space.
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Verse 4: Draw together at one table, all the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.
Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

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“And Are We Yet Alive”

The United Methodist Hymnal #553

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Music: Johann G. Nageli; arr. By Lowell Mason, 1845

“Jesu, Tawa Pano” (Shona)

The Faith We Sing #2273

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Daw-Kee, Aim Daw-Tsi-Taw (Kiowa)

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SERMON

“THE POWER OF THROUGH”

By Alfred T. Day, III, General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History for
2020 Heritage Sunday Worship Celebration

LITANY OF HOPE

By Rev. Dr. Derek Weber and Rev. Dr. Cynthia A Wilson
(Based on Isaiah 43:16-19)

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS AND MEMORIAL OCCASIONS**
from *United Methodist Book of Worship* pages 74-75

Video Clip: Muskogee Creek – 1800’s

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ADDITIONAL WORSHIP RESOURCES

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 49: 5-6	I will make you as a light to the nations
Psalms 98	A psalm of renewal: O sing to the Lord a new song.
Psalms 130*	(Aldersgate) Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord
Acts 2:1-21	(Aldersgate) The giving of the Holy Spirit
Romans 5:1-11	(Aldersgate) By faith we have peace with God
2 Peter 1:4*	(Aldersgate) On becoming a partaker of divine nature
Matthew 9:27-30a	(Aldersgate) According to your faith, let it be done
Mark 12:28-43*	(Aldersgate) You are not far from the kingdom of God
<i>Luke 9:2-6</i>	Sent forth to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal

Scriptures read by John Wesley, May 24, 1738, Aldersgate Day, experienced his “heart strangely warmed.” This experience and the lasting impact it had on his life on faith and growth in grace became a touchstone for the Wesleyan movement.

HYMNS

57	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
60	I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath
117	O God our Help in Ages Past
363	And Can It Be That I Should Gain
386,7	O Come Thou Traveler Unknown
550	Christ From Whom All Blessings Flow
555	Forward Through the Ages
559	Christ Loves the Church
589	The Church of God in Every Age
603	Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire
660	God is Here
606	Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine

*See United Methodist Hymnal Index of Topics and Categories (pgs. 934-954) for
Aldersgate, Church Anniversaries and Heritage.*

CALLS TO WORSHIP

1. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16:6-11, NRSV, adapted)

2. Almighty God, you have raised up servants
to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.
**For our spiritual forbearers
Susanna, John and Charles Wesley,
Barbara Heck, Jacob Albright,
Harry Hosier, Richard Allen, Jarena Lee,
Phillip William Otterbein and Martin Boehm,
inspired by you Spirit, we give thanks for a goodly heritage.**

In their ministries, through their difficulties,
in spite of their weaknesses
you were their hope and salvation.

You led them and their followers to shape a legacy that is ours.

We praise you for women and men, young and old,
on whose shoulders we now stand,
who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church.

**Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism and dedication
infused the Church with energy.**

We give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition
among the churches comprising the Body of Christ.

**Give the United Methodist Church
a new vision, new love, new wisdom**

and fresh understanding that we may serve you more fully.
(United Methodist Book of Worship No. 426, Charles Yrigoyen, adapted)

3. Listen to me,
all you who are serious about right living and committed to seeking God.
Look to the rock from which you were cut,
ponder the quarry from which you were dug. (Isaiah 51:1, The Message, adapted)

COLLECTS

1. Almighty God, in a time of great need
you raised up your servants John and Charles Wesley,
and by your Spirit inspired them to kindle a flame of sacred love
which leaped and ran, an inexhaustible blaze.
Grant that all those whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires
being continually refreshed by your grace, may be so devoted
to the increase of scriptural holiness throughout the land
that in this our time of great need,
your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (United Methodist Book of Worship No. 439, Fred Gealy)
2. O God, who plucked as a brand from the burning your servant John Wesley that he might
kindle a flame of love in our hearts and illuminate our minds: Grant us such a warming of
our hearts, that we, set aflame by holy love, may spread its flames to the uttermost parts
of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (J. E. Rattenbury)
3. Lord God, you inspired your servants John^[1] and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for
the sanctification of souls and endowed them with eloquence in speech and song: Kindle
such fervor in your church, we entreat you, that those whose faith has cooled may be
warmed, and those who have not known Christ may turn to him and be saved; who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LITANY

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We praise you for women and men, young and old,
on whose shoulders we now stand,
who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church.
Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism and dedication
infused the Church with energy.

**Their outstanding gifts and witness have shaped our thought and life.
We praise you for those countless members of your Church
on whose shoulders we stand in being the Church today...**

Silence is kept to remember names of saints.

We give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition
among the churches comprising the Body of Christ.

**With all your people everywhere,
give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom, and fresh understanding
that we may serve you more fully;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(United Methodist Book of Worship No. 426, Charles Yrigoyen, adapted)

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Remembering our heritage as United Methodists, let our prayers for the church and the world center on the core beliefs that shape our place among the denominations of God's people.

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of God's love warming, inspiring and igniting human hearts so that those to whom love is a stranger will find in us Godly, out-reaching, caring friends. God, reawaken this mission and purpose among us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of God's grace and love harmonizing with the whole of creation. Inspire us to use the earth's resources wisely, in service to others and to the honor and glory of the Creator. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of faith to be experienced. God, shape our lives by more than right-thinking but also enthused spirits and hearts aflame. Ground us in personal and social holiness, living, loving and serving others not only with our lips but with our lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of "spreading Scriptural holiness." God, move us beyond mere biblical literalism and narrowness to be inspired by the Bible's living word calling people to lives transformed by your unconditional love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of caring for the least, the lowly and all who suffer. God use us to bring hope and mercy to the diseases of hearts, souls and mind. Enliven us as agents of relief, healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of rekindling faith among those whose relationship with God has cooled. God, meet us where our paths go stray and in times when seek our own way alone. Forgive our sins and failings. (Silent Prayers.) Transform our weaknesses into strengths. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of passionate prayer for one another. Let us now pray for the needs and concerns on our hearts and in our minds. (After biddings are spoken the congregation responds.) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your care, O God, we present ourselves and our prayers, trusting in the power and promise of love-divine-all-
loves-excelling. Forgive our sins. Fulfill our requests and desires not as we ask in ignorance, nor as we think we
deserve but as you know and love us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Alfred T. Day, III, General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History, 2018, for
the 50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church)

**PRE and/or POST WORSHIP
ONLINE CONVERSATION STARTERS**

What challenging times have there been in your personal or congregational life that give witness
to “The Power of Through?”

What United Methodist distinctives, ethos or experience help us endure challenging times with
faith and hope?

THE POWER OF
THROUGH IT ALL...
THROUGH