

Join us for the rest of our Summer Preaching Series, Faces of Our Faith:

August 14th: Eutychus

August 21st: Joseph of Arimathea

August 28th: Bartimaeus

September 4th: Daughters of Zelophehad

August 7th, 2022

About the Cover Art:

I get really emotional when I think about Judas. I think my emotion stems from a painting I saw in Florence, Italy, called “The Kiss of Judas” by Giuseppe Montanari. It’s an ethereal, dreamy image of a tender moment. Time seems suspended, stars twinkle in the sky, and the figures of Jesus and Judas almost float in the bittersweet haze of this passing moment. Judas stands on his tiptoes, though he is larger than Jesus, and kisses his teacher and friend. If you didn’t know who these figures were, you might think this was an idyllic, simple moment, but it is so grievous and complicated. This image makes me cry. I have a guttural turning in my stomach when I think about Judas and his role in this narrative.

I feel like Judas represents those who are afraid to stand up against the powerful. He allows fear to move him. He faces torture and death by aligning himself with Jesus and does what I think a lot of us would do. A lot of us would choose safety and betrayal instead of the path of suffering for a fight that seems impossible to win. In Matthew’s account of this story, Judas kills himself because he can’t survive knowing what he has done; he can’t live with himself. The echoes of his decision continue to reverberate and he is the vilified scapegoat of our faith.

I think we act like Judas in passing moments every day. That’s why I drew this image. That’s why I love the image by Montanari; it humanizes Judas and forces us to face the relationship Judas had with Jesus, to face our relationship with Jesus. Judas’ relationship is fraught, complicated, and ultimately tragic, but I know there were moments of beauty. —Lauren Wright Pittman

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The Kiss

by Lauren Wright Pittman







graphic image | inspired by Mark 14:1-2, 10-50

Wayne Presbyterian Church

Sharing the Ministry of Jesus Christ through Worship, Education and Mission



Welcome! What to expect in worship ...

-  **Liturgy** Liturgy literally means “the work of the people.” We think worship should be interactive. It is designed to engage the whole person—heart, mind, soul, and body. Therefore, we sing, speak, stand, sit, eat, watch, think, and sit in silence. If worship is a performance, it is the church’s performance for God. Each week we do our best to make sure that God is praised using everything we have.
-  **Prayer** Our lives are full of lament and celebration. We therefore come to God with honesty recognizing that God wants to hear our deepest pain and most pressing questions, and loves to see the Church joyfully celebrate God’s great gifts.
-  **Offering** We give tithes and offerings as a response to God’s grace in our lives. Knowing that all good blessings come from God, the offering is an opportunity to joyfully spread that blessing throughout the world. Guests are not expected or obligated to give.
-  **Communion** Christ is the host of the communion feast. Everyone who is searching to know Christ is welcome at the table.
-  **Childcare** We love children. As a child-cherishing church, we provide a variety of educational opportunities for children. They are welcome in the worship service or in Sunday school. We also have a lovely nursery staffed by professional childcare workers if you need a break.
-  **Masks** Masks are now **OPTIONAL** for all services and events.

Children today...

PRESCHOOL & UNDER
Sunday School in Room 103
Childcare available in the nursery

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Children will be dismissed to the Fireside Room following Time with Children. They will return during the Closing Hymn.

Events this week...

- MONDAY**
~**ADULT ED MEETING** 7:00-8:00 pm,
Fireside Room.
- TUESDAY**
~**PROPERTY MEETING**, 1:00-3:00 pm,
Counting Room.
~**ADMIN. COMMITTEE MEETING**, 7:00-9:00 pm, via Zoom.
~**COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP MEETING**, 7:00-8:00 pm, Fireside Room.
~**CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING**, 7:00-8:00 pm, Offsite.
- WEDNESDAY**
~**CENTERING PRAYER & LECTIO DIVINA**, 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom.
- SUNDAY**
~**BIG LESSONS FROM LITTLE CHURCHES**, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Chapel.

Prayer Requests & Mission Partners of the Week

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY, as they recover from flooding. If you would like to financially support recovery efforts, donations can be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (<https://pda.pcusa.org>).

Prayers for all who are suffering from violence, particularly our Ukrainian siblings and those reeling from gun violence.

- PC(USA) Mission Partners of the Week: Cobbie and Dessa Palm - Cobbie serves The United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) leading seminars for local church pastors, enhancing their skills in church development and revitalization. He develops curriculum and trains churches in peace and reconciliation. Dessa coordinates the UCCP’s Theater for Evangelism and Advocacy, which seeks to train church workers and members to creatively communicate the gospel and bear witness to the transformative role of a caring and compassionate church. Email: cobbie.palm@pcusa.org
- WPC Mission Partner of the Week: The Harrisonburg Mennonite Church for their generous donation of skilled labor toward Cornerstone Christian Academy and The Common Place every year. Members come for a week every June with plumbers, electricians, carpenters, landscapers, flooring contractors and painters. Address: Pastor Mark Keller and Sandra Rush Harrisonburg Mennonite Church 1552 High Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Flower Dedication

To the glory of God and in honor of Betsy Girard’s 90th birthday by her colleagues on One Book: One Church.

Church Office Updates:

- Kirsten Rutschman and Austin Ricketts are on vacation.
- Please be patient with church financials this week, Liz Wagner has COVID.
- Welcome new office staff: Christina Sacco, Administrative Assistant for Programs, who will support children, youth, congregational life, and music; and Coltrane Jamison, Communications Coordinator, who will be managing our website and church communications. Christina and Coltrane begin their work with us this week. Stop by and say hello. And save the date for a Church Office Open House on Sunday September 11th, when all our staff will be present for introductions and relationship building with church members.
- Summer Office Hours: The church office is open Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Sermon

Heather Shortlidge

Orison

Turn Unto the Lord
Summer Choir

Thiman

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

+ **Hymn 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

+ Benediction

God Be With You
Summer Choir

Wood

Postlude

Acclamations
Tim Evers, Organ

Jean Langlais

Announcements & Notes:

BIG LESSONS FROM SMALL CHURCHES: Lunch and Discussion with Rev. Katy Shevel, Sunday, August 14, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Register at bit.ly/WPC-smallchurches to attend via Zoom. No need to register for in-person attendance.

Rev. Katy Shevel led a Zoom webinar for The Center for Healthy Churches this week as part of their "Strengthening the Small Church" series. Visit <https://chchurches.org/webinar/> to watch Katy's presentation.

WPC BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet August 21st at 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. They are reading *The Body Keeps the Score*; discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Heather Shortlidge. Lunch will be served. RSVP at bit.ly/wpcbookclub

WE ARE COLLECTING KITS FOR OUTLEY HOUSE men's shelter in Philadelphia. Kits should include: deodorant, soap, toothbrush/paste, disposable razor, foot powder, wash cloth, & 2 pairs of socks. Other items greatly needed (new) are: towels, t-shirts, boxers. Please place items in plastic bags, label "Outley House" and bring to the City Lights Table in the Connector on Sunday mornings or the church office. For more info, contact Carmela Curatola at cnuratola@yahoo.com or Susan Aggarwal at vnsagg@aol.com.

SUMMER CHOIR: Choir rehearsals will be at 9 a.m. in the Music Room for the summer.

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, August 7th, 2022

Proper 14

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

II. Adagio Cantabile (Piano Sonata No. 8)
Tim Evers, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven

Words of Welcome

Introit

Blow the Trumpet in Zion
Summer Choir

Beck

Call to Worship

Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
**ours are the eyes
with which Christ looks compassionately on this world,
ours are the feet
with which Christ walks to do good,
ours are the hands,
with which Christ blesses all the world.**
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes.
Christ has no body now but yours,
Let us use them to serve and worship God.

+ **Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

+ Prayer of Confession

Let us in silence, confess our faults and admit our frailty.

- Silent Prayer -

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**
Amen.

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Amen.

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Response of Praise: (Hymn 614)

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

+ Affirmation of Faith *Brief Statement of Faith- From the Book of Confessions (1-26)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

+ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time with Children & Blessings for Bible in a Bookbag

Children will be invited to the chancel steps for a message and then dismissed to the Fireside Room for Sunday School. They will return to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

Offering

Text the word GIVE (not case sensitive) to our church's Giving Number (610 819 4483), or scan this QR code on your smart phone. Please feel free to give in-person as well.



Offertory Anthem

Down to the River to Pray
Summer Choir

Mary McDonald

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O brother, let's go down, come on down to the river to pray. Lord, listen to your children praying. O Lord, send your Spirit in this place. O Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open and the walls come atumbling down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

+ Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, 32-40

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And Jesus said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. Jesus said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." Jesus came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again Jesus went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

You Are the Peace of All Things Calm
The Quartet

Alan Smith

You are the peace of all things calm. You are the place to hide from harm. You are the light that shines in dark. You are the heart's eternal spark. You are the door that's open wide. You are the guest who waits inside. You are the stranger at the door. You are the calling of the poor. You are my Lord and with me from ill. You are the light, the truth, the way. You are my Savior this very day. (Gaelic text)

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 14: 41-50

Jesus came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

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