

Boulevard United Methodist Church



“O Adonai,” which means “O Lord,” and is one of the Divine titles used in the Old Testament. Because the name YHWH was considered too sacred to even speak, pious Jews would often replace the Name with Adonai, meaning Lord, instead.

Isaiah promises that the coming Messiah will do the things that Adonai does.

- Joe Heschmeyer

November 18, 2018

26th Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad St.

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Opening Words

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai:

Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free!

Hymn *Lift Up Your Hearts*

Time with Children

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 139

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Interlude

*O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

First Reading I Samuel 1:4-20

Gospel Reading Mark 13:1-8

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn *O Mary, Don't You Weep* 134

Offering

Doxology

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* 529

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those grieving the deaths of Dot Hechler, Rita Callis, Deanna Spain, and Charlie Ruxton. Also on our prayer list: Nancy Tate and Leslie. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 year olds begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). They rejoin us for Communion. Ms. LaRonda is an experienced childcare provider currently employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADVENT 2018 are these resources, listed below. Each book is designed to be read a little at a time. The ask is that you pick one and order it in time to have it by December 2.

Jesus Calling for Christmas, Sarah Young



Pauses for Advent: Words of Wonder, Trevor Hudson

Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent, Walter Brueggemann

Waiting on the Word: A poem a day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Malcolm Guite

All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings, Gayle Boss & David Klein, illustrator

Sample copies are available for you to flip through before or after our service. You may also be able to get a feel for them online by searching the titles and using the "look inside" tool. If you run into any difficulty obtaining a copy of the book of your choice, please let Rachel know.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

MID-NOVEMBER TO MID-DECEMBER'S FOCUS is United Methodist Family Services. We help them put hope into the holidays for children and families in Virginia. Making a check out to Boulevard UMC and designating it UMFS is the way that we ask you to contribute. Online givers can select the mission box.

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}

FINANCIAL GIVING BEARS WITNESS to a caring and sharing God, as do our prayers, presence, and acts of service.

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
November 1 - 10	4,089	1,736

prayers

presence

gifts

service

witness

Storefront Inklings

with Rev. Rachel

² **ALL WILL BE DEMOLISHED** Mark 13

Either they're showing their hillbilly colors or they're coming to terms with the fact that they haven't got a chance. The disciples are wowed by urban architecture. Or, they are feeling, acutely, Rome's military might.

When they say, "Look, Teacher, what large stones," the stones really are noteworthy. Herod didn't build the thing out of Legos. If it was the southwest corner to which their eyes were fixed, stones measured 40 x 8 x 4 feet. Take a moment to imagine. Not where you want to be during an earthquake, right?

From "not one stone will be left here (v.2)" to "things are about to be accomplished (v.4)": This is the leap Peter, James, John, and Andrew make. Jesus says that the stones will be thrown down. They take this to mean that the destruction would be an outcome of their movement—the Jesus movement.

It is, after all, a sight some folks longed to see. As one group looked to Jesus to emerge as the Messiah, others, beyond his household of faith, wondered if he could be the one to really sock it to Rome. [As is often the case, the occupiers held a higher opinion of their presence than did the occupied.]

In a tragic twist of events, those large stones came down on the people who loved it most. A Roman soldier threw a burning stick and though destroying the Temple was not strategic on the part of Titus, the fire spread quickly, irreversibly. It was August of year 70. The Jews were temple-less again.

For people like Peter, James, John, and Andrew, this region was the world. For the generation that followed, some of whom comprised Mark's community, the stones falling felt like the end of the world. Remember that much when you read this gospel. Ask: How does one report the good news to people who have seen that Jesus predicted the demolition and yet did not return to rebuild?

Maybe you, Mark, tell them that God in Jesus is rebuilding... a temple made of people...whose prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness birth what will be, after the pangs have passed (v.8).

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.