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Worship at The WELL

Gathering Music

Greeting from The Band and Each Other

Song for All "I Have a Hope"

Announcements and Community Connections

Song for All "The Power of Your Love"

Giving Our Gifts

The Word in Video "Who Was John Wesley"

The Word from The New Testament

James 2: 14-26

Key verse: My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it?

Wesley's Wisdom for A New Day Sermon Series:

Message "Social Holiness that Transforms Society"

Prayer Station

For today's prayer station, we ask you to read over the notes in the Taking It Deeper panel of your bulletin. How do you see personal faith and good works (social holiness) feeding into each other? Can you have one without the other as a spiritual person? How do you grow in both areas at the same time?

Personal Challenge – *Name one way you could in the coming year "make a stretch" to grow in each of those two areas: deepening your faith practice, and deepening your good works in the community.*

Focus Song "Change the World"

*If I could reach the stars,
I'd pull one down for you.
Shine it on my heart,
So you could see the truth.
That this love I have inside,
Burns brightly with the flame,
That comes from helping others,
Changing the world in His name.*

*And I could,
Change the world.
I could be the sunlight in your universe.
You would think my love was really something good.
Maybe if I could,
Change the world
Even we could work together
To help our fellow man
Reach out to one another*

*in any way we can.
Then God's love will rule
in this kingdom he has made.
And the world will see,
God's light will lead the way*

A Prayer by Everybody (inspired by Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

One: O God, we thank you this day for Christians
who seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives.
We know that we cannot earn your love,
but we can respond to your love.
You call us to live holy lives
out of gratitude for all that you have done for us.

**ALL: We thank you for people who find joy in the midst of trials and
difficulties: for the hospital patient who gives hope and inspiration to the visitor, for
the homeless person who teaches the social worker the meaning of faith, for the family
that prays together in the face of death.**

One: We thank you for those who endure temptation:
for the young person who says "no" to a friend who wants to shoplift,
for the office worker who refuses to join in negative conversation,
for the company executive who puts justice before profits.
We thank you for those who are ever-generous in giving to others:
for the child who puts her allowance in the church's mission offering,
for the young adult at a first job who dares to tithe his new income,
for the neighbor who gets up at four in the morning
to shovel his elderly neighbor's sidewalk.
We thank you for those who are quick to listen,
slow to speak, slow to anger:
for couples who listen to each other in love,
for people who count to ten before speaking their minds
and then speak gently,
for people who remain calm and loving when others' tempers flare.

**ALL: We thank you for people who live out their faith by caring for
orphans, widows and others in need:
for foster parents and adoptive parents,
for those who seek to work for peace and justice
so that fewer people will be orphaned and widowed,
for those who share a cup of coffee with a lonely neighbor,
for those who visit in nursing homes.**

One: We thank you for people who are doers of the word and not hearers only.
O God, may we be counted among them.
Help us to hear your word and to find joy in doing what you call us to do.

Song for All "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Blessing

Parting Music