

Memorial United Methodist Church At-Home Worship

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church, wherever you are!

Opening Praise: “Step By Step” W&S 3004

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. ... I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways; and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

David (Beaker) Strasser

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Opening Prayer UMBOW 483

Wayne Large

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly in faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth.

Amen.

Ruth Duck, from *Bread for the Journey*

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Centering Hymn: “It Is Well with My Soul”

Brian Hanson

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Sharing from the Gospel: Luke 15:11-24 – “The Prodigal”

As told by Joy Jorgensen

Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the inheritance.’ Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

“When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, but I’m starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.’” So he got up and went to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

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Sung Response: “Step By Step” W&S 3004

Sharing from 1 John 4:19-21

We love because God first loved us. Those who say, “I love God” and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don’t love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from God: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

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Message for Today: “Love and the Practice of Holiness”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Sung Response: “*Lord, I Want to Be A Christian*” UMH 402, vv. 1,2

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart ...

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart ...

Afro-American spiritual, adapt. and arr. By William Farley Smith
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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing

May we go from our worship embraced in the love of God, practicing the holiness of Jesus Christ, guided by the Spirit in all our words and deeds. Amen.

Music for Going Forth: *O Perfect Love* (Schwoebel)

Kathy Young

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W&S (Worship & Song), TFWS (The Faith We Sing), UMH (United Methodist Hymnal), UMBOW (United Methodist Book of Worship).