

Sunday Worship, July 12, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.
Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

We Gather to Worship God

Music to Center Ourselves: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (Leatherman)* Kathy Young
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Opening Praise Song: “Thy Word Is a Lamp” UMH 601

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

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Opening Prayer (from Psalm 119:105, 108)

We gather in worship to share your word, O Lord.

**Your word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.**

Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord,

And teach each us your holy ways. Amen.

Praise Song: “Thy Word Is a Lamp” (Refrain)

We Share the Story of God

Sharing the Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

As told by Joy Jorgensen

That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore.

He said many things to them in parables: “A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn’t deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. Everyone who has ears should pay attention. . . .

“Consider then the parable of the farmer. Whenever people hear the word about the kingdom and don’t understand it, the evil one comes and carries off what was planted in their hearts. This is the seed that was sown on the path. As for the seed that was spread on rocky ground, this refers to people who hear the word and immediately receive it joyfully. Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. As for the seed that was spread among thorny plants, this refers to those who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the false appeal of wealth choke the word, and it bears no fruit. As for what was planted on good soil, this refers to those who hear and understand, and bear fruit and produce—in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one.”

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We Respond to God

Sung Response: “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577 vv. 1,2,3

God of grace and God of glory, on they people pour they power;
Crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

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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, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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Sung Response: “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577, v. 4

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing

May we have eyes to see the path your word illuminates, O God; ears to hear what you are teaching us today, Christ Jesus; and energy to tend the seeds you are planting, Holy Spirit.

Music for Going Forth: *All Things Their Creator Bless (Fedak)*

Kathy Young

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