

Sunday Worship, July 26, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.
Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

We Gather to Worship God

Music to Center Ourselves: *Foundation* (Lasky)

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Opening Praise Song: “Better Is One Day”

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for you
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house
Better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere (than thousands elsewhere)

Matt Redman

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Opening Prayer (from Psalm 84:1-2, 10)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly forces!

My soul longs, even yearns, for the Lord’s courtyards.

My heart and my body will rejoice out loud to the living God!

Better is a single day in your courtyards than a thousand days anywhere else!

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Praise Song: “Better Is One Day” (Chorus)

We Share the Story of God

Sharing the Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[Jesus] told another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.”

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that people threw into the lake and gathered all kinds of fish. When it was full, they pulled it to the shore, where they sat down and put the good fish together into containers. But the bad fish they threw away. That’s the way it will be at the end of the present age. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from the righteous people and will throw the evil ones into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. They said to him, “Yes.”

Then he said to them, “Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest.”

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We Respond to God

Sung Response: “*Seek Ye First*” UMH 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Karen Lafferty

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Offering Our Prayers 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 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.

Please email prayer requests to mumc@gladstonechurch.org or call (906) 428-9311

Sung Response: “*Soon and Very Soon*” UMH 706

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (Hallelujah!)
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (Hallelujah!)
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.
No more dying there, we’re going to see the King ...
No more crying there, we’re going to see the King ...

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing

May we go from this worship seeking the kingdom of God, seizing on every opportunity to answer the call of Jesus, claiming the power of Holy Spirit to see us through.

Sung Response: “*Soon and Very Soon*” UMH 706, verse 1

Music for Going Forth: *With Resounding Joy* (Wagner)

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