

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

August 2, 2020, Worship Guide

(On-line Worship Video available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, www.gladstonechurch.org)

We Gather to Worship God

Opening Praise Song: “I Will Call Upon the Lord” TFWS 2002

Praise Team

I will call upon the Lord. (I will call upon the Lord.)

Who is worthy to be praised. (Who is worthy to be praised.)

So shall I be saved from my enemies. (So shall I be saved from my enemies.)

I will call upon the Lord.

Refrain: The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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Opening Prayer (adapted from Psalm 17:6-7, 15)

Kathy Young and Joy Jorgensen

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

Incline your ear to us, hear our words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those
who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for us, we shall behold your face in righteousness;

when we awake, we shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing the Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Teresa Myers

When Jesus heard about John [that John the Baptist had been executed by King Herod], he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

He said, “Bring them here to me.” He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

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Message for Today: “We Give Them Something to Eat”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Sung Response: “Christ, We Are Blest” W&S 3174, verses 1,2,3 (“Be Thou My Vision” tune)

Christ, we are blest as we gather to dine, strengthened for love by the bread and the wine.

This is your body, now entering ours, strong with your loving, miraculous powers.

You laid your life down like sowing a seed; once dead and buried, from death you are freed,

Rising like wheat in the warmth of the sun! Christ, you are risen! New life has begun!

Christ, you are risen, but not far above: you live among us in each act of love,

In every deed of compassion you rise, living in flesh we can see with our eyes.

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Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Trusting that Jesus Christ is the host of this sacrament, welcoming everyone who hungers for the bread of life and thirsts for the cup of salvation, let us pray:

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God. Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Through Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered [as we are], and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Having offered the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving, we now share the consecrated elements we have where we are, saying “the bread of life” and “the cup of salvation” as we eat and drink. (If you prefer not to participate or were unable to provide the bread and juice where you are, know you are still blessed and beloved, in the presence of God.)

Music for Communion: “Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees”

Kathy Young

Offering Our Prayer after Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

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

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

At www.gladstonechurch.org; or checks: MUMC, 1920 Lake Shore Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837

Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you'll join us next time for on-line worship as we consider how Jesus calls us to draw a better circle. Until then ...

Having been fed at Christ's table, may we go from this worship relying on the grace of God and filled with the power of God's Spirit, to proclaim the miraculous love of Jesus Christ.

We Go, Blessed to Serve

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Jesus, you feed us, then bid us to leave, sharing with others the love we receive.

We are your body, sent by your command, making love real as the bread in our hands.

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