

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

August 9, 2020, Worship Guide

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Praise Song:** “*Open My Eyes, That I May See*” UMH 454 verses 1, 2 Praise Team

Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.*

*Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear, voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.*

*Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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**Opening Prayer: For Courage to Do Justice** UMH 456

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

**Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.**

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places.

**And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for you. Amen.**

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**Praise Song:** “*Open My Eyes, That I May See*” UMH 454 verse 3 Praise Team

Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare, love with thy children thus to share.

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.*

*Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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## We Share the Story of God

**Sharing the Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, “Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.” But he didn’t respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, “Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us.”

Jesus replied, “I’ve been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel.”

But she knelt before him and said, “Lord, help me.”

He replied, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and toss it to dogs.”

She said, “Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters’ table.”

Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish.” And right then her daughter was healed.

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**Message for Today: “We Draw A Better Circle”**

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## We Respond to God

### Sung Response: “Draw the Circle Wide”

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle, ‘round whom all creation turns. Nothing lost but held forever, in God’s gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small. Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God’s call.

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we’ve ever dreamed before. Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

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### Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

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*Or mail checks payable to: Memorial UMC, 1920 Lake Shore Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837*

### 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](mailto:mumc@gladstonechurch.org) or call (906) 428-9311*

### Blessing

*Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you’ll join us next time for on-line worship as we celebrate the baptism of Sophia Lynn Trotter and consider why, with Jesus, we don’t need to be afraid of the water. Until then ...*

May we draw circles of love with the courage, compassion, and conviction that God breaths through each of us, inspired by the power of Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## We Go, Blessed to Serve

### Sung Response: “Do Lord”

I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun (hallelujah)

I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun

I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (O do Lord)*

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (remember)*

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me, way beyond the blue.*

I took Jesus as my Saviour, you take Him too (hallelujah)

I took Jesus as my Saviour, you take Him too

I took Jesus as my Saviour, you take Him too, while He's calling you.

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