

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

August 30, 2020, Worship Guide

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

We Gather to Worship God

Music to Center Ourselves: “Creation’s Praise”

Kathy Young

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Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4

Heaven is declaring God’s glory; the sky is proclaiming God’s handiwork. One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known. Of course, there’s no speech, no words—their voices can’t be heard—but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.

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Opening Praise Song: “God of Wonders” W&S 3034

Praise Team

Lord of all creation—of water, earth, and sky—the heavens are your tabernacle.

Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.

The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!

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Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.

The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth! (sing)

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from Genesis 1:1-2:3

Jeanne Wescott

When God began to create the heavens and the earth—the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters— God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

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God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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Message for Today: “Awe and Wonder”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Sung Response: “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” UMH 150, verses 1, 4

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
We your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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Guest Music: “You Raise Me Up”

Drew Fase

Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you’ll join us next time for worship as “We Make the Road by Walking” into a world of meaning. Until then ... May we enjoy the goodness of God’s creation, becoming more fully alive in Jesus Christ, led forward each step of our journey by Spirit alive in and around us.

We Go, Blessed to Serve

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

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. 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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