

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

September 6, 2020, Worship Guide

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

We Gather to Worship God

Call to Worship: Psalm 8:1, 3-4

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

You made your glory higher than heaven!

When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—

What are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?

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Opening Praise Song: “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” UMH 92, verses 1, 2, 4 Praise Team

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from Genesis 2:4-9, 15-22

Susan Lagina

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

On the day the Lord God made earth and sky— before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the Lord God hadn’t yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land— the Lord God formed the human [*adam*] from the topsoil of the fertile land [*adamah*] and blew life’s breath into his nostrils. The human came to life.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human the Lord God had formed. In the fertile land, the Lord God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also the Lord God grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ...

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. The Lord God commanded the human, “Eat your fill from all of the garden’s trees; but don’t eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!”

Then the Lord God said, “It’s not good that the human is alone. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him.” So the Lord God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name. The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found.

So the Lord God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it. With the rib taken from the human, the Lord God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being.

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Message for Today: “Being Human”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Sung Response: “Let Us Break Bread Together” UMH 618

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees ...

Let us praise God together on our knees ...

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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 continue to make the road by walking together with Jesus. 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, fully alive to the glory of God.

We Go, Blessed to Serve

Sung Response: "Step by Step" W&S 3004

Praise Team

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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