

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

October 11, 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

**Opening Praise Song: “Blessed Be Your Name”** W&S 3002

Praise Team

Blessed by your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I’m found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I’ll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, “Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name!”

Blessed be your name when the sun’s shining down on me, when the world’s all as it should be, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering, though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away; my heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the glorious name!”

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**Call to Worship: Micah 6:6-8**

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

**Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”**

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;

**and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

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**Song: “What Does the Lord Require of You”** TFWS 2174

Jean and Jim Strathdee video

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

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## We Share the Story of God

**Sharing from the Book of Genesis 22:1-14**

Dennis Stanek

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” Abraham answered, “I’m here.” God said, “Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you.”

Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him. On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. Abraham said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you.”

Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?" Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place "the Lord sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the Lord is seen." Common English Bible, © 2011, Used by Permission.

**Sung Response: "Sovereign Over Us"**

Dave Hagen

**Message for Today: "It's Not Too Late"**

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## **We Respond to God**

**Musical Response: "How Shall I Come/The Gift of Love"** W&S 3124/UMH 408 v. 3

How shall I come before the Lord and bow myself with heart outpoured? And shall I come with offering? What shall I give? What shall I bring?

Will finest gifts bring God's delight? Will wealth bring favor in God's sight? What must we be? What must we do? What does the Lord require of you?

Let justice shine in all your ways. Let loving kindness rule your days, that, as this earthly path you trod, you shall walk humbly with your God.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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## **Offering Our Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **We Go, Blessed to Serve**

### **Blessing**

*Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you'll join us next time for worship as "We Make the Road by Walking" through Rivalry and Reconciliation. Until then ... Let justice shine in all your ways. Let loving kindness rule your days. Walk humbly with your God, loving generously in the name of Jesus Christ, acting boldly by the power of Holy Spirit. Amen.*