

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Sept. 27, 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 Prayer

As the sun rises, so does our prayer, loving God. With each new dawn, renew our trust in you, our delight to do justice, and our gladness to be in your presence. Amen.

Larry Peacock, adapt. © 2006, Upper Room Books

### Opening Hymn: “Morning Has Broken” UMH 145

Jean and Jim Strathdee video

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play.

Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lamentations 3:22-23)

## We Share the Story of God

### Sharing from the Book of Genesis chapters 6-9 (selected verses)

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, “I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. ...

The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. ...

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ...

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

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### Musical Response: “Wings of A Dove”

Willy Mannisto

### Message for Today: “In Over Our Heads”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## We Respond to God

### Musical Response: “Thank You for the Blessings”

Jean and Jim Strathdee video

Thank you for the blessings of all creation (echo); Forgive us God for the harm we cause (echo)

Thank you for the blessings of all creation (echo); Help us heal our common home (echo)

Thank you for the blessings of all creation (echo); Help us save your sacred Earth (echo)

Word and music by Jim Strathdee

### Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Please give online at [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org)

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

## **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" by plotting goodness. Until then ... May we go with the promises of God, proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ, in the power of Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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

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