**Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church**

October 25, 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: *“My Tribute”*** by Andrae Crouch Joy Large

**Call to Worship: adapted from Galatians 5:13-14**

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;

**Only let’s not let our freedom be an opportunity to indulge our selfish impulses, but let us serve each other through love.**

All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement:

**“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** Adapted from Common English Bible, © 2011

**Opening Song: *“All the People Said Amen”*** Praise Team

1. You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you’re not the only.

 We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.

 It’s all you got to lean on, but thank God, it’s all you need.

Chorus: And all the people said, “Amen.” Whoa. And all the people said, “Amen.”

 Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said, “Amen.”

v. 2 If you’re rich or poor, well, it don’t matter.

 Weak or strong, you know love is what we’re after.

 We’re all broken, but we’re all in this together.

 God knows we stumble and fall,

 and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

v. 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.

 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.

 Blessed are the people hungry for another start,

 for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

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**We Share the Story of God**

**Sharing from the Book of Exodus 1:1-14**

These are the names of the Israelites who came to Egypt with Jacob along with their households: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. The total number in Jacob’s family was seventy. Joseph was already in Egypt.Eventually, Joseph, his brothers, and everyone in his generation died. But the Israelites were fertile and became populous. They multiplied and grew dramatically, filling the whole land.

Now a new king came to power in Egypt who didn’t know Joseph. He said to his people, “The Israelite people are now larger in number and stronger than we are. Come on, let’s be smart and deal with them. Otherwise, they will only grow in number. And if war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us, and then escape from the land.”

As a result, the Egyptians put foremen of forced work gangs over the Israelites to harass them with hard work. They had to build storage cities named Pithom and Rameses for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they grew and spread, so much so that the Egyptians started to look at the Israelites with disgust and dread. So the Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. They made their lives miserable with hard labor, making mortar and bricks, doing field work, and by forcing them to do all kinds of other cruel work.

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**Sung Response: *“Through It All”*** UMH 507 Praise Team

Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God;

Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.

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**Sharing from the Book of Exodus 2:23-25**

A long time passed, and the Egyptian king died. The Israelites were still groaning because of their hard work. They cried out, and their cry to be rescued from the hard work rose up to God. God heard their cry of grief, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked at the Israelites, and God understood.

**Sung Response: *“Through It All”*** UMH 507 Praise Team

**Message for Today: “Freedom!”** Pastor Cathy Rafferty

**We Respond to God**

**Sung Response: *“Are Ye Able”*** UMH 530

1. “Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?”

“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow thee.”

**Chorus:** Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.

 Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

1. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,

 that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?

1. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,

 to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God?

1. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,

 and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.

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**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” with a celebration of All Saints Sunday, including the sacrament of Holy Communion. Until then, “May you go, set free to serve others, by the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Sung Response: *“Freely, Freely”*** UMH 389 Praise Team

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