

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

November 15, 2020, Worship Guide

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

We Gather to Worship God

Opening Hymn: “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” UMH 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! We on earth are all thy children, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

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Opening Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy and practice with integrity what you say to us today. Amen.

Praise Song: “*Holy Spirit, Live in Me*”

Jim and Jean Strathdee video

Holy Spirit, live in me. Fill my being, set me free, free from worry, free from fear. Holy Spirit, you are here. Holy Spirit, dwell in me. Heal my soul, set me free, free to trust, and follow you, calling me in all I do. Holy Spirit, sing in me. Give me courage, set me free, to love and serve you, all my days with songs of healing, songs of praise. Holy Spirit, live in me. Fill my being, set me free.

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Gospel of Matthew 7:21-29

[As he was teaching, Jesus said:] “Knowing the correct password—saying ‘Master, Master,’ for instance—isn’t going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—*doing* what my Father wills. I can see it now—at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, ‘Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.’ And do you know what I am going to say? ‘You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don’t impress me one bit. You’re out of here.’”

“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

“But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying—quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

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Message for Today: “Keep Going”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Sung Response: “Every Day”

Jim and Jean Strathdee video

Every day I will offer you, loving God, my heart and mind, every way I discover you in the work your hand has signed; help me see I’m your image, and you have dreamed what I might be, every day in your Spirit I’ll find the love and energy!

Every day I will focus on Christ, and lift my courage high through the tides and the tossing of waves that drown, and hopes that die; help me see stepping out of the boat I’ll learn what risk might be, every day in your Spirit I’ll find the love and energy!

Every day I’ll remember in thankfulness the wine and bread through the pain and emptiness where your world cries to be fed; help me see I’m an agent of change, wherever I might be, every day in your Spirit I’ll find the love and energy!

Every day I will walk to you, answer your compassion’s claim, find my feet and my bearings to try deep places in your name; help me see I can speak for the faith when you’re at work in me, every day in your Spirit I’ll find the love and energy!

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Offering Our Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing: II Thessalonians 2:16-17

Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you’ll join us next time. Until then, “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”

Song of Blessing: “Let There Be Peace” UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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