

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Thanksgiving Sunday – November 22, 2020, Worship Guide

Today's worship service is dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Katherine Paine.
(On-line Worship Video available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, www.gladstonechurch.org)

We Gather to Worship God

Opening Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH 102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with
countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and
blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free
us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them
in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words by Martin Rinkart, 1663; trs. Catherine Winkworth, 1858;

Music by Johann Cruger, 1647; harm. By Felix Mendelssohn, 1840. Public Domain.

Call to Worship

Thanks! Praise! Joy! Wonder! We bring it all to you God,
Grateful for all you give to us, ready to worship and serve you.
Grace! Courage! Healing! Strength! We receive it all from you God,
Blessed by you to live as a blessing for all.

Praise Song: "Let There Be Wonder"

Dave Hagen

We Share the Story of God

Sharing the Wisdom of Sirach 50:22-24 Rev. Scott Harmon, Northern Skies District Supt.

Now bless the God of all who everywhere does great things, who raises us up from our birth
and deals mercifully with us.

May God give us gladness in our hearts, and may there be peace in our time, in Israel as in
times past.

May God grant us God's mercy, and may God rescue us in our lifetime.

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Sharing the 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln Gary Johnson

Message for Today: "Thanks!"

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Please give online at www.gladstonechurch.org

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

Please remember your "Thanksgiving Offering" and 2021 Pledge

Offering Our Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

We Go, Blessed to Serve

Sung Response: "God We Thank You for Our People"

Jim and Jean Strathdee video

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God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil,
Hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil.
Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised
Here in hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.

Thank you, God, for gentle pleasure, lessons learned and secrets told,
Hopes and mem'ries saved as treasures, passed to young ones by the old.

Pranks and glories, songs and stories, food by loving hands prepared.

God, we bless you for your presence in our tears and laughter shared.

By your Spirit of creation keep us bold for risking still,

Eager in anticipation, ever strong to do your will.

Bind us close to one another, sharing life and death and birth,

Welcoming as sister, brother, all your children of the earth.

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."

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