

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

First Sunday after Christmas – Dec. 27, 2020, Worship Guide
(On-line Worship Video available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, www.gladstonechurch.org)

We Gather to Worship God: *“Believe This: The Time Has Come”*

Music to Center Ourselves: “Gesu Bambino”

Joy Large

Lighting the Christ Candle with Prayer

Praise Team

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we have caught throughout this season of Advent and Christmas of your gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we have not been sure of tomorrow, you have ignited the Light within us, and we have glowed with its brilliance from the inside out. Help us continue to proclaim far and wide that the time has come for light to be among all people. Amen.

Now is the time to light whatever candles you may be using for at-home worship, where you are. We will continue to light the Christ Candle with our Advent Wreath through next Sunday, when we celebrate the Epiphany with Holy Communion.

Hymn of Praise: “There’s A Song in the Air” UMH249

There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky! There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger in Bethlehem cradles a King!

There’s a tumult of joy o’er the wonderful birth, and the virgin’s sweet boy is the Lord of the earth. Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world. Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng. Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Prophet Isaiah 61:10-62:2

Gary Johnson

Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which the Lord’s own mouth will determine.

Isaiah 62:2 from Common English Bible.

Musical Response: “I Heard the Bells”

Dave Hagen

Sharing from the Gospel of Luke 2:21-40

Alice Butch

When eight days had passed, Jesus’ parents circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name given to him by the angel before he was conceived. When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:21-22, from Common English Bible.

Musical Response: “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

Kathy Young

We Respond to God

Hymn of Praise: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH203

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayers unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Sung Blessing: “Believe” (to the tune of “Give Thanks” TFWS 2036)

Praise Team

Believe, with a grateful heart! Believe, and shine your light! Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all! And now, let the weak say, “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich because of what our God has done for us.” Believe!

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

Next Week – Epiphany Sunday

Next Sunday, Jan. 3, we will celebrate the Epiphany and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You are welcome to fully participate in Holy Communion and may want to be sure and have a bit of bread and juice or wine at hand.