

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, Worship Guide

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

We Gather to Worship God

Opening Prayer

Lisa Myers

O God, you pour out your spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with burning zeal and steady minds we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Song of Praise: *“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”* UMH 57 (verses 1-3)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Book of Jonah

Joy Jorgensen

One day long ago, God’s Word came to Jonah, Amittai’s son: “Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They’re in a bad way and I can’t ignore it any longer.” But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from God. ...

Jonah 1:1-3, from *The Message*.

Sung Response: *“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”* UMH 129

Give to the winds your fears; hope and be undismayed. God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.

Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears the way; wait on God’s time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God’s sovereign sway to choose and to command; so shall you, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.

Let us in life, in death, God’s steadfast truth declare, and publish with our latest breath God’s love and guardian care.

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Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Sung Response: *“Rule of Life”* W&S 3117

Debbie Hubbard

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

Words: 18th Century aphorism attributed to John Wesley. Music: Edward Bennemere; arr. Cynthia Wilson

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing: May you know and trust the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the power of Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response: "Wesley Covenant Prayer" [UMH 607]

Jim Strathdee

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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