

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, Worship Guide

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

## We Gather to Worship God

**Song of Praise: “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”** TFWS 2031

Praise Team

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving; and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

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## Call to Worship

God in Community,

**We come together to worship you, Holy Three in One.**

Grateful for your creation, the community of all that lives and is life-giving,

**We come together to worship you, Creator God.**

Longing for your word to form us in holy community, to teach us your way to live,

**We come together to worship you, Redeeming Word of God.**

Moved to share your love, to live so that all may know your abundant life,

**We come together to worship you, Sustaining Spirit of God.**

**Sung Response: “Jesus, United by Thy Grace”** UMH 561, vv. 1-5

Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared, with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to help each other, Lord, each other’s cross to bear; let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other’s care.

Up unto thee, our living Head, let us in all things grow; till thou hast made us free indeed and spotless here below.

Touched by the lodestone of thy love, let all our hearts agree, and ever toward each other move, and ever move toward thee.

To thee, inseparably joined, let all our spirits cleave; O may we all the loving mind that was in thee receive.

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## We Share the Story of God

**Sharing from the First Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-13**

Peggy Richter

The question keeps coming up regarding meat that has been offered up to an idol: Should you attend meals where such meat is served, or not? We sometimes tend to think we know all we need to know to answer these kinds of questions—but sometimes our humble hearts can help us more than our proud minds. We never really know enough until we recognize that God alone knows it all. ...

1 Corinthians 8:1-3, from *The Message*.

**Sung Response: “Live in Charity”** TFWS 2179

Praise Team

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

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**Message for Today**

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## **We Respond to God**

**Sung Response: “The Servant Song”** TFWS 2222, vv. 1-4

Praise Team

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.

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## **Offering Our Gifts and Commitments**

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

## **Offering Our Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer**

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

## **We Go, Blessed to Serve**

### **Blessing**

Now, dear siblings in Christ, may we continue to serve God and each other, using what knowledge we have to build up one another as we together we build the beloved community of God, with the love of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**Sung Response: “The Servant Song”** TFWS 2222, vv. 5-6

Praise Team

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

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