

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 7, 2021, Worship Guide

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

Music to Center Ourselves: “Sweet Hour of Prayer/Just As I Am”

Debbie Hubbard

Call to Worship

Christ Jesus, we come—sinners and saints—to worship you, to hear your word and be fed at your table, so that we might go about our lives filled to overflowing with your grace, sharing your love as you have loved us. We gather at your call, extending your invitation to all. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” UMH 339&616

Come, sinners, to the gospel-feast. Let every soul be Jesus’ guest. You need not one be left behind, for God invites all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all. Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

Do not begin to make excuse. Ah! Do not you his grace refuse. Your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus has to give.

You who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you; come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.

This is the time, no more delay. This is the Lord’s accepted day. Come you, this moment, at Christ’s call. And live for him who died for all.

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Sharing from the Gospel of Mark 1:29-39

Pickleball Team

Simon and those with him tracked Jesus down. When they found him, they told him, “Everyone’s looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Let’s head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That’s why I’ve come.”

Scripture taken from Common English Bible: Mark 1:36-38

Sharing with Music: “I Love You”

Praise Team

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear. Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Sung Response: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” UMH 584/Tune 381

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.” Lest the church neglect it’s mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.” That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This my body, this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty. With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.” Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Trusting that Jesus Christ is the host of this sacrament, welcoming everyone who hungers for the bread of life and thirsts for the cup of salvation, let us pray The Great Thanksgiving:

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God. Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered [as we are], and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this juice we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Having offered the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving, we now share the consecrated elements we have wherever we are, saying "the bread of life" and "the cup of salvation" as we eat and drink (commune). If you prefer not to participate or were unable to provide the bread and juice where you are, know you are still blessed and beloved, in the presence of God.

Musical Reflection: "The Living Bread"

Debbie Hubbard

Offering Our Gifts, Commitments, and Prayers

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Blessing to Serve

Having been fed at Christ's table, may we go from this worship relying on the grace of God and filled with the power of God's Spirit to follow Jesus.

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