

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2021, Worship Guide

Pre-recorded worship premieres on-line at 8:30 a.m., [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org).

In-person worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary

**Unison Prayer:** Jesus, we need to talk—with you, with one another, and with those we label “other,” and mean “lesser” than who we think we are. As we worship you, help us set aside what obstructs honest conversation. Help us hear you speak with us. Help us hear you speak for those we are quick to judge, content to ignore, or determined to silence. Move us beyond mumbled praise and proud excuses through this season of Lent, so that we might better witness with our lives to the resurrection love of your life. Amen.

**Opening Song: “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”** W&S 3107

Praise Team

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus. Let us tell him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by. Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you know a little fire is burning, you will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

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**Sharing from the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11**

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. <sup>2</sup> After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, “Since you are God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, “It is written, *People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*” Scripture from Common English Bible: Matthew 4:1-4

**Sharing the Story in Song: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”** (UMH 269, vv. 1-3,5)

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by your most holy word.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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**Message for Today**

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

**Sung Response: “What Poor Despised Company”**

What poor despised company of travelers are these, that's walking yonder narrow way, along that rugged maze?

Why they are of a royal line, they're children of a King; heirs of immortal crown divine, and loud for joy they sing.

Why do they walk that narrow road, along that rugged maze? Because this way their leader trod, they love and keep his ways.

Words from *A Collection of Spiritual Songs and Hymns*, edited by Richard Allen (1801). Music: AMAZING GRACE

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**Blessing to Serve:** Go now in grace and peace to love and serve the Lord.

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