

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2021, Worship Guide

Pre-recorded worship premieres on-line at 8:30 a.m., www.gladstonechurch.org.

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

We Gather to Worship God

Unison Prayer

Jesus, we need to talk. We come to worship, praising you and grateful for your blessings. We come so certain of everything. So certain, we can't always hear what you say to us about who you are and who you long for us to be. As we worship you in this season of Lent, humble our hearts and open our minds, so that we can truly hear your word. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we can courageously testify to your saving power and vulnerable love for all the world. 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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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Gospel of John 3:1-17

Wilma Vanderdonck

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

Scripture from Common English Bible: John 3:1-3

Sharing the Story in Song: *"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"* (UMH 352)

It's me— It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me— It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger, not my neighbor ...

Not the richest, not the poorest ...

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Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Sung Response: *"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"* (TFWS 2131)

Praise Team

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord— Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up, higher and higher, and he shall lift you up.

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The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Departing Hymn: “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” (UMH 402)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing to Serve

May God's love, embodied in Jesus, through the power of the Spirit, blow like the wind through our lives. And may we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ in all we say and do. Amen.

TFWS (The Faith We Sing) and UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)