

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent, March 7, 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

## We Gather to Worship God

### Unison Prayer

Jesus, we need to talk. We come to worship you, expecting to hear your word, to sense your Spirit. In this season of Lent, help us to be like the Samaritan woman, meeting you in unexpected places, offering us a new way to live. Help us to be like you, moving beyond the prejudices and fears of our people, willing to reach out in love to all people. Fill us with your Spirit and your truth, so that we might truly be your people. 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 4:7-29, 39

Jeanne Wescott

Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

Scripture from Common English Bible: John 4:6-7

### Sharing the Story in Song: “Shout to the Lord” (TFWS 2074)

Praise Team

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath all that I am never cease to worship you

*Refrain: Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King.*

*Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands. Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

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### Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## We Respond to God

### Sung Response: “Fill My Cup, Lord” (W&S 3093)

Praise Team

Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy. And then I heard my Savior speaking: “Draw from my well that never shall run dry.”

*Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more – fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasure earthly things afford; but none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord. *Refrain.*

So, my neighbor, if the things this world gave you leave hungers that won't pass away, my blessed Lord will come and save you, if you kneel to him and humbly pray: *Refrain.*

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*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:*

**Communion Liturgy for Lent** (from enfleshed.com liturgy library)

The Holy One be with you. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love. **We open our hearts to you, O God.**

Let us give thanks to God, who gives us courage;

**To the One who calls us to lives of service, we give thanks and praise.**

From our beginning, you shaped us to live in service to one another and all the earth. You set us in the garden to co-create life with you. You surrounded us with creatures and creations that depend on our care. Our destinies have always been wrapped up in one another—our individual well-being bound to the well-being of all. Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

**Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of justice and love: heaven and earth are full of your wonder.**

**Hosanna among us!**

Gracious One, we struggle with spirits of fear and greed that tempt us away from your original plan for us. We excuse ourselves from responsibilities to our neighbors. We struggle to believe we have anything to offer to the whole. And at times we knowingly do harm to others for the sake of our own gain. You know our struggles, O God. And so, you sent us Jesus. In him we learn how to show up for one another. Jesus lived in service to collective well-being. He sought out those in need of community. He befriended the ones who were isolated. He challenged the structures that destroy. Through his life, you taught us that the same capacities live in us. We too can choose the way of service to collective life. You have given each of us gifts to play our part. The same spirit of courage that kept Jesus proclaiming love even in the face of death lives in us.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.” In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ was birthed among us. Christ was killed among us. Christ rises again among us.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, making this bread and this cup sustenance for our Lenten journey, feeding our hunger for you and quenching our thirst to belong to each other. By your grace, may we experience anew the call you place on our lives to proclaim your love for all. In feasting at your table, may our hearts be filled with courage once again to follow Christ, come what may. Amen.

*Having consecrated our elements—the bread and the cup—we now share them 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.*

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**We Go, Blessed 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.