

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, 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. One more time before Palm Sunday, we come to worship, grateful we are held together in your love. Help us focus on your call to love you and all others, as you have loved us.

Moved by your Spirit, help us do whatever good we can in your precious name. 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 Mark 14:1-11

Peggy Richter

During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on Jesus' head. ... Jesus said, "She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

Common English Bible

Sharing the Story in Song: *“More Precious than Silver”* TFWS 2065

Praise Team

Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.

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Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Musical Response: *“Take My Life, and Let It Be”* UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing to Serve

Like the woman with the alabaster jar, may we go from this worship to do what we can—what we are called to—inspired by the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and with the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response: “*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*” UMH 334

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place. Words and Music: Doris Akers© 1962 Manna Music, Inc.; CCLI #2960180

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