

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Festival of God’s Creation, April 25, 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. Outside in the Church Lawn

## We Gather to Worship God

### Welcome and Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### Opening Song: “*Miracle of Dawn*”

Strathdee Video

Miracle of dawn, radiance from heaven (miracle of dawn, radiance from heaven).

I lift my face to your healing light (I lift my face to your healing light).

Miracle of dawn, radiance from heaven (miracle of dawn, radiance from heaven).

I become a morning prayer (I become a morning prayer).

Halle Halle Hallelujah! (Halle Halle Hallelujah!)

I become a morning song (I become a morning song).

Halle Halle Hallelujah! (Halle Halle Hallelujah!)

I become a morning dance (I become a morning dance).

Halle Halle Hallelujah! (Halle Halle Hallelujah!)

I become a morning prayer (I become a morning prayer).

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### Call to Worship: Inspired by Psalm 148

Who will praise God, from the heavens? Who will praise God from the heavens?

**We are the sun, the moon and all the stars; we will praise God!**

*We are the clouds, the thunder, the rain. We will praise the Eternal One!*

Who will praise God from the earth?

**We are the beasts of the sea and land. We will praise God!**

*We are the seeds that grow in the fields, the trees that cover the mountains.*

*We will praise the Eternal One!*

Who will praise the Creator of all Life?

**Young and old, rich and poor. We will remain faithful and praise the Eternal One!**

*Together we will worship and serve the Creator of Life!*

**Unison: All Creation, praise God!**

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### Opening Hymn: “*How Great Thou Art*” UMH 77 vv. 1-2

Debbie Hubbard

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze—*Refrain.*

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## We Share the Story of God

### Sharing from the Book of Psalms: Psalm 126

Debbie Hubbard

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

New Revised Standard Version

## Sharing through Music: “We Praise You”

Dave Hagen

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy. Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety. Let it rise, let praise arise.

We sing Your name in the dark and it changes ev'rything. We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory. Let it rise, let praise arise.

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall. We'll watch the giants fall. For fear cannot survive when we praise You. The God of breakthrough's on our side. Forever lift Him high. With all creation cry God we praise You.

Let faith be the song that overcomes the raging sea. Let faith be the song that calms the storm inside of me. Let it rise, let faith arise. Oh we praise you, oh we praise You.

This is what living looks like. This is what freedom feels like. This is what Heaven sounds like. We praise You. We praise You. Oh we praise you, oh we praise You.

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## Sharing from the Gospel of Mark 4:26-34

Joy Jorgensen & Kathy Young

“How can we picture God’s kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It’s like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it.”

The Message translation

## Message for Today

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## We Respond to God

### Musical Response: “Where the Green Will Rise Again”

Strathdee Video

Where the green will rise again, bud and blossom in the breaking, Earth will smile and ease her aching, drought or flood through sun and rain, so the green will rise again.

Water river clear again, when with skill and science blending, health returns from our befriending, when we watch and nurture then, there the green will rise again.

Hands and minds with vision plain, people with a sense of wonder, caring lives that do not squander, plant for future to sustain, so we let earth green again.

Where the green will rise again, when God’s world knows peace and healing, common cause and common feeling, love will make us her domain, so the green will rise again.

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## Offering Our Gifts, Commitments, and Prayers

Please give online at [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org)

Or mail checks payable to: Memorial UMC, 1920 Lake Shore Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837

Please email prayer requests to [mumc@gladstonechurch.org](mailto:mumc@gladstonechurch.org) or call (906) 428-9311

## We Go, Blessed to Serve

### Blessing to Serve

### Sung Response: “Now the Green Blade” UMH 311

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

**Next Sunday, May 2, Celebration of Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. in-person worship in the sanctuary (livestreamed).**