

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Sept. 20, 2020, Worship Guide

(On-line Worship Video available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sunday, www.gladstonechurch.org)

We Gather to Worship God

Opening Hymn: “*When Our Confidence Is Shaken*” UMH 505 (TUNE: CWM RHONDDA)

When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure. When the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure. God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature, of a faith not yet mature.

Solar systems void of meaning freeze the spirit into stone. Always our researches lead us to the ultimate Unknown. Faith must die or come full circle to its source in God alone, to its source in God alone

In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe. In the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve, faith maturing learns acceptance of the insights we receive; of the insights we receive.

God is love and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify. This is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why. May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die, be content to live and die.

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Call to Worship: Psalm 32:1-2, 9-11

Joy Jorgensen

The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

The one the Lord doesn't consider guilty—in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—that one is truly happy!

Don't be like some senseless horse or mule, whose movement must be controlled with a bit and a bridle.

Don't be anything like that!

The pain of the wicked is severe, but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the Lord.

You who are righteous, rejoice in the Lord and be glad! All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

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We Share the Story of God

Sharing from Genesis 3:1-13

Willy Mannisto

The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?”

The woman said to the snake, “We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.’”

The snake said to the woman, “You won't die! God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden's trees. The Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

The man replied, “I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

The Lord God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?”

The man said, “The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?!”

And the woman said, “The snake tricked me, and I ate.”

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Opening Praise Song: “Something Beautiful” UMH 394

Praise Team

Chorus: Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion he understood; all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife, but he made something beautiful of my life.

If there ever were dreams that were lofty and noble, they were my dreams at the start. And the hopes for life’s best were the hopes that I harbored down deep in my heart. But my dreams turned to ashes. My castles all crumbled. My fortune turned to loss. So I wrapped it all in the rags of my life and laid it at the cross

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Sharing from Philippians 2:3-11

Diane Oxford

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ...

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Message for Today: “The Drama of Desire”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Musical Response: “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Brian Hanson

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

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Offering Our Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

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

We Go, Blessed to Serve

Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you’ll join us next time for worship as “We Make the Road by Walking” even when we’re in over our heads. Until then ... May we adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus, doing nothing for selfish purpose, but with humility, considering what’s best for others, as we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ with our lives.

Sung Response: “Step by Step” W&S 3004

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