

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

October 4, 2020, Worship Guide – World Communion Sunday

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

## We Gather to Worship God

### Opening Praise Song: “*Indescribable*”

Praise Team

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea, creation's revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring, ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:

*Chorus: Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name. You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim: You are amazing God!*

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### Call to Worship from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8, 12:1

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see.

**By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God.**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called.

**Abraham went out without knowing where he was going.**

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us.

**By faith let's gather to worship, to hear God's word and to answer God's call.**

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### Opening Hymn: “*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*” UMH 430, verses 1, 3, 4 Praise Team

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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## We Share the Story of God

### Sharing from Genesis 12:1-9

Wilma Vanderdonck

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you.”

Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time.

The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I give this land to your descendants,” so Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him.

From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord's

name. Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

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**Message for Today: “Plotting Goodness”**

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## **We Respond to God**

**Musical Response: “Remembrance”**

David Hagen

### **Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Please refer to the World Communion Liturgy adapted from A Communion Prayer in Palestine and Israel, provided in a PDF file available at [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org), or included in your mailing.*

*Having prayed the World Communion Liturgy, we now share the consecrated elements we have where we are, saying “the bread of life” and “the cup of salvation” as we eat and drink. (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.)*

**Musical Response: “Let Us Break Bread Together”** UMH 618 (World Communion photos)

### **Offering Our Prayer after Communion and The Lord’s Prayer**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

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.

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

### **Offering Our Gifts and Commitments**

*At [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org); or checks: MUMC, 1920 Lake Shore Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837  
Please remember your offering for World Communion Sunday helps provide world-transforming education to church leaders around the world.*

### **Blessing**

*Thank you for worshipping with us. I hope you’ll join us next time for on-line worship as we continue to make the road by walking together with Jesus. Until then ...*

Having been blessed through our holy communion with God and all of God’s people, may we go from this worship proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, to be a blessing to others in all that we say and do. Amen.

## **We Go, Blessed to Serve**

**Sung Response: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”**

Praise Team