

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

October 18, 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: “*Mighty to Save*” W&S 3038

Praise Team

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, he can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.

I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender, yes, I surrender.

Bridge: Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!

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Opening Prayer

Kathy Young

O God, at your invitation we have come as we are. Thank you for the invitation. Gathered in your presence, help us to know your welcoming grace, your sustaining love, your persistent caring.

Remind us in words, music, and prayer of your power and your faithfulness to do more than what we can imagine; to heal what we have broken and what has been broken within and between us; to create possibilities for life, despite the realities of death.

Open our lives to the transformations that are possible through you so that, having come as we are, we may become as you intend. Amen.

Sung Response: “*He Giveth More Grace*”

Dave Hagen

We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Book of Genesis 37:1-4, 12-14, 23-28

Joy Jorgensen

Jacob [later called Israel] lived in the land of Canaan where his father [Isaac] was an immigrant. This is the account of Jacob's descendants.

Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long robe [a coat of many colors]. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated Joseph and couldn't even talk nicely to him. ...

Joseph's brothers went to tend their father's flocks near Shechem. Israel said to Joseph, “Aren't your brothers tending the sheep near Shechem? Come, I'll send you to them.”

And he said, “I'm ready.”

Jacob said to him, “Go! Find out how your brothers are and how the flock is, and report back to me.” ...

When Joseph reached his brothers, they stripped off Joseph's long robe, took him, and threw him into the cistern, an empty cistern with no water in it. When they sat down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with camels carrying sweet resin, medicinal resin, and fragrant resin on their way down to Egypt.

Judah said to his brothers, “What do we gain if we kill our brother and hide his blood? Come on, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites. Let’s not harm him because he’s our brother; he’s family.” His brothers agreed.

When some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up out of the cistern. They sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver, and the traders brought Joseph to Egypt.

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Sung Response: “Mighty to Save” W&S 3038 (chorus)

Praise Team

Message for Today: “Rivalry or Reconciliation”

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he’s doing today.

Genesis 50:20, Common English Bible

We Respond to God

Sung Response: “If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today”

If I have wounded any soul today, if I have caused one foot to go astray, if I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord, forgive!

If I have uttered idle words or vain, if I have turned aside from want or pain, lest I myself shall suffer through the strain, Dear Lord, forgive!

If I have been perverse or hard, or cold, if I have longed for shelter in Thy fold, when Thou hast given me some fort to hold, Dear Lord, forgive!

Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee; forgive the secret sins I do not see; O guide me, love me, and my keeper be— Amen.

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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” from Rescued to Rescuer. Until then may you recognize the face of God in each person you see and may those you meet recognize the love of Christ shining through you.

Sung Response: “Freely, Freely” UMH 389

Praise Team

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name. I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name. And in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely, you have received. Freely, freely, give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.

All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name, in earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name, and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

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