

*Advent 2020 “I Believe Even When ... Fill the Night with Music and Light”*  
**Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church**

Second Sunday – December 6, 2020, Worship Guide  
(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:** *“I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationships”*

**Music to Center Ourselves:** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Mary Bastian

**Lighting the Advent Wreath with Prayer**

Praise Team

Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of daring love. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we cannot yet see a better day when we will act like the human family we are, ignite the flame of love within us that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out. Help us face our fear of difference and dare to see what love can do. Amen.

*Now is the time to light two candles of your Advent wreath—the candle of Hope and the candle of Love, where you are.*

**Opening Hymn:** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

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**We Share the Story of God**

**Sharing from the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14**

Sylvia Nault

Watch for this: A girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant. She'll bear a son and name him Immanuel (which means, God-With-Us).

Scripture taken from “The Message” Isaiah 7:14

**Children’s Time to Shine**

“Grandma” Joy Jorgensen

Learning “This Little Light of Mine,” in sign language.

*Children of all ages are invited to join us next Sunday, Dec. 13, after the 4:30 p.m. Advent Wreath Lighting, to gather outside the church building to video record everyone signing “This Little Light of Mine,” for our Christmas Eve virtual pageant. We’ll also be ringing carols with the multi-colored bells.*

**Sharing from the Gospel of Matthew 1:16-25**

Leslie Nault

Jacob had Joseph, Mary’s husband, the Mary who gave birth to Jesus, the Jesus who was called Christ. There were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, another fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and yet another fourteen from the Babylonian exile to Christ.

Scripture taken from “The Message” Matthew 1:16-17

**Message for Today**

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

**Blessing of the Quilts**

## We Respond to God

**Witness of Music:** “*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*”

Praise Team

One star burns in the darkness, shines with the promise, Emmanuel. One child born in the stillness, living within us, Emmanuel. We’re singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let it start in me.

*Bridge:* Do not be afraid. His love is strong enough to save us. Nothing stands in the way. His love is strong enough to lead us.

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

### Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### We Go, Blessed to Serve

**Sung Blessing:** “*Believe*” (to the tune of “Give Thanks” TFWS 2036)

Praise Team

Believe, with a loving heart! Believe, and shine your light! Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all! And now, let the weak say, “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich because of what our God has done for us.” Believe!

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

**Throughout this week, continue to offer your affirmations in prayer:**

I believe that *[complete this with a lament, a sorrow, or a confession]* AND

I believe that *[complete this with a prophetic word of change that gives you hope]*

And to pray with the wooden cross from your Advent Packet:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us.*