

# Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 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. in the Church Sanctuary

## We Gather to Worship God

**Music to Center Ourselves: “*Suffering Savior*”** organ/piano duet Kathy Young/Debbie Hubbard  
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### Unison Prayer

Jesus, we need to talk. We come like the crowds to hear you teach, grateful for God’s Word and Spirit here with us. And yet, we are unsettled by our own faults and by our judgments of others; by our own silence when we witness injustice, abuse, and treachery. Help us, late in this season of Lent, to keep our focus on you—on your grace, your love, and your way through death into new life. Amen.

**Opening Song: “*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*”** W&S 3107 Praise Team

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in, and then a little light from heaven filled my soul; it bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

*Refrain: Now let us have a little talk with Jesus. Let us tell him all about our troubles. He will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by. Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you know a little fire is burning, you will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.*

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, and then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; the mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies, but just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. *Refrain.*

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night; I go to him in prayer, he knows my every care, and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. *Refrain.*

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## We Share the Story of God

**Sharing from the Gospel of John 8:2-11** Debbie Hubbard

The legal experts and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, they said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this. What do you say?” Common English Bible

**Musical Reflection: “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*”** Glory Ringers

**Message for Today** Pastor Cathy Rafferty

## We Respond to God

**Musical Response: “*God Weeps*”** TFWS 2048 Strathdee Video

God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused, at children’s innocence abused, and till we change the way we love, God weeps.

God bleeds at anger’s fist, at trust betrayed, at women battered and afraid, and till we change the way we win, God bleeds.

God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores, at creatures dying without cause, and till we change the way we care, God cries.

God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed, for hearts to hold each other’s need, and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

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

### **Blessing to Serve**

Firmly embraced in God's steadfast love, may we go faithfully into the world to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the prophetic power of the Holy Spirit with our very lives.

### **Sung Response: "I Will Call Upon the Lord" TFWS 2002**

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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