

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
- 4 Youth (In-Person): Ceiling Tiles
- 6 Worship on the Lawn and Blessing of the Animals Service

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

- 9-11 a.m. & 5-7 p.m. Internet Access for Students (Fellowship Hall)
- 10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

- 8 Men's Prayer Online
- 9-11 Sewing Ministry
- 9-11 a.m. & 5-7 p.m. Internet Access for Students (Fellowship Hall)
- 10 10@10 Devotion

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

- The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)
- 10 10@10 Devotion
- 6 Youth Small Groups Online

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

- 9-11 a.m. & 5-7 p.m. Internet Access for Students (Fellowship Hall)
- 10 10@10 Devotion

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

- 10 10@10 Devotion

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

- Fall Harvest Decorations Set Up in Church Yard

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Allen Brown
- 11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
- 4 Youth In-Person
- 6 Worship on the Lawn

Prayer List

- James Carmichael
- Margie Collins
- Carol Kaiser
- Josef Walker
- Dean Sharpe-Austin
- Kay Eanes
- Grant Brinkley and family
- Finley Price family
- Andrea Cain and family
- Robert Miller
- Dave Ogren
- Tyler Oldaker
- Tim Priska
- Chris Eddinger
- Tracy Brinkley
- Peace and justice in our nation, state, and city
- Our first responders, medical community, and essential workers
- All those affected by COVID-19
- All Military Personnel
- Our UM Missionaries
- The United Methodist Church

Memorial United Methodist Church

Worship on the Lawn and Blessing of the Animals Service

October 4, 2020 6:00 p.m.



Gathering and Greeting

- Come, let us gather together.
- Let us join the gathering: we bring fins and feathers.**
- Come, all is ready for all of creation.
- Let us join the gathering: we bring scales and fur.**
- Come let us praise our Creator.
- We are loved: we bring skin.**
- Come, with fins, feathers, scales, fur and skin.
- Let us worship our God!**

Hymn Sing *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62 (vv. 1, 7)
Standing on the Promises UMH 374 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Announcements

Invocation

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31

Meditation

St. Francis' Prayer for All Created Things

God created us and placed us on the earth to be stewards of all living things, therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator, saying:

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.
Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.
Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you give us food from animals to replenish our energies.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.
Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our comfort you give us domestic animals as companions.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands. *(continues)*

Welcome to Worship on the Lawn!

Please be respectful of others worshipping near you by practicing social distancing and wearing your masks.

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Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you care for us even as you care for the birds of the air.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you offered your Son to us as the passover lamb and in him willed that we should be called your children.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

The Blessing

The clergy will circulate among those gathered and offer a blessing over the animals.

Bless, O Lord, this creature, and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for its being.

The Blessing Prayer

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, to you alone do all things belong. Thank you for giving us the animals which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Thank you for the joy that our pets bring to us. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

Benediction

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62 (vv. 1, 7)

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain:

O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One! (*Refrain*)

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Worship Leaders

Danny Leonard, *Senior Minister*

Rodney Denton, *Minister of Youth and Young Adults*

Lynda Hepler, *Minister of Children and Young Families*

Randy and Jane Hall, *Choir Members*

Jacob Hahn, *Accompanist*