

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070 and on Facebook Live

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude Trumpet Tune Quentin Faulkner
Ken Wilmot, trumpet

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notes Reverend Rodney Denton

Greeting

God has set this day before us,
A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.
God has set our lives before us,
A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.
God has set God's seal upon our hearts,
So that we might live fully in deep love.
Let us worship God.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song of Praise O Worship the King Gary Lanier
Ken Wilmot, trumpet

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Moment with the Children

Reverend Lynda Hepler

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Meditation

How Great Thou Art
Ken Wilmot, trumpet

O STORE GUD

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon "Asleep at the Wheel" Reverend Danny Leonard
1 Thess. 5:1-11

SENDING FORTH

Response Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us Douglas Smith
Ken Wilmot, trumpet

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful tho' we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Benediction

Rev. Leonard

Postlude

Toccatà on CRUCIFER

David Cherwien

Lift high the cross,
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name.

What to Expect at Indoor Worship

- Some pews are blocked to maintain social distancing.
- Face masks are required for everyone.
- Out of respect for others, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service, the congregation will be dismissed by section.
- No nursery staff are present, but the nursery space is available.

Today's Scripture

1 Thess. 5:1-11

⁵ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,^[a] you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved,^[b] are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Announcements



Please remember to return your financial pledge card for 2021. We hope to wrap up the campaign soon and finalize our plans for next year. You may drop your card in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or bring it by the office. Please let Peggy May in the office know if you did not receive a pledge card or if you have any questions.

Here are Eric Kuppel's Stewardship Moment comments from October 18:

Good morning. I have to begin with the reason I stand before you today. If you ever watched "Wild Kingdom" on a Sunday afternoon, you know the scene. The hapless herd of antelope, impala, or wildebeest wandering across the Serengeti Dessert, and – from out of nowhere – the lion strikes.

Brant Conner was that lion for me. I had just entered the grocery store. Concealed behind my mask, I felt as safe from identification as the random bovine in a herd. Then, I heard my name. And before you know it, Brant had his October 18th Stewardship Moment speaker.

We have had some wonderfully compelling and passionate speakers on the subject over the years. It's a subject that is, frankly, a little awkward to speak about. And now you're stuck with the slowest wildebeest in the herd!

(continued)

What I would like to speak about today is the moment that was most inspirational to me as far as stewardship is concerned. It was several years ago at an Administrative Board meeting, when Tom Smith stood up to speak. He was probably on the Finance Committee, and you could sense the frustration in his voice as he spoke of some budget issues and the lack of pledges in the congregation. There were even people in that very meeting, Tom stated, who hadn't made the pledge commitment. And I was one of those people. He spoke of the merits of a stable income stream for the church to function smoothly, and it made sense.

Now, I didn't shun the plate or conveniently tie my shoe when it passed. I threw money in when it went by, if I had remembered to bring some. I just never gave it serious thought. But that day the light went on, and I made the commitment to pledge the minimum stable weekly amount. And so it was: \$10. Now \$10 wasn't a lot, but I made sure it made its way to the plate every week.

Then the next Fall came, and the pledge was increased. I had started to budget for the church, but I also started budgeting at home, and the irony of that first pledge was... it took the first pledge to find the blessings that were already there. I just wasn't being a good steward of what I had been given.

Proverbs 3:9 states: "Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce...." My monthly budget starts off with First Fruits. The first line item of the budget is the church.

In closing, I have to add that, since that first pledge, I have seen the other side of that silver plate. I've seen the committees that take care of it with the passion and reverence that come from the responsibilities of handling such a heavy burden.

I've seen the other side of the plate in the tearful joy that a bag of food has brought at CCM. Or on a volcanic mountainside in Guatemala, hanging out with James Carmichael and Kyles Wallace, building a church, and handing out school supplies to the eager village children. This is what your pledge does and will continue to do in his kingdom.

Ask the Lord that these words may touch someone today, as the words of Tom Smith had touched me. Thank you.

FOOD DRIVE TODAY - 3-4:30 P.M.!

Support our kids' drive-through collection for CCM. See you at the breezeway!



FILL THE VAN WITH TOYS

November 29th



CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASSES

First session starts this week!

Join a fun craft class - or two, or three - taught by Katie Conant. These non-sewing Christmas crafts will be taught on upcoming Tuesdays. **Choose November Session (11/17 and 11/24) or December Session (12/1 and 12/8).** Craft choices and class times are in this week's calendar. Call Katie to sign up, at 336-225-1947. Photos and supply lists are in this week's eNews and on our Facebook page. COVID-19 protocols will be followed: Classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall; social distancing and face masks are required; hand sanitizer and surface disinfectant will be in use; and a 10-person limit, including instructor, applies.

Calendar

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Elaine Rabon
- 11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
- 3-4:30 Food Drive Drop-Off by MUMC Mission Possible Kids
- 4 Youth (In-Person)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

- 10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

- 8 Men's Prayer Online
- 9-10 Christmas Crafts - Angels (Contact Katie Conant to register for any of the craft classes being offered.)
- 10:30-12 Crafts - Doily Wreath
- 12:30-1:30 Crafts - Lunch Bag Wreath
- 10 10@10 Devotion
- 5:30 Yoga (Jarrett Hall)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

- 10 10@10 Devotion
- 1:30-6 Red Cross Blood Drive

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

- 10 10@10 Devotion

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Richard Herman
- 11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
- 4 Youth (In-Person)

Prayer List

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:

- Our country and healing for all
- Jennifer Ruff
- James Carmichael
- Margie Collins
- Carol Kaiser
- Josef Walker
- Dean Sharpe-Austin
- Finley Price family
- Andrea Cain and family
- Robert Miller
- Dave Ogren
- Tim Priska
- Chris Eddinger
- 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 United Methodist missionaries
- The United Methodist Church

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We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith, Build Relationships, and Serve All People.