

Welcome to Menville United Methodist Church

August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship video - <https://youtu.be/db8liW9RVYU>

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

- For those watching online, if you are interested in joining us for worship in our sanctuary, please be sure to check our website for the safety requirements that have been implemented so that we may worship together safely. You can find the list on our website under the News tab.
- Please note that the church building does remain closed Monday – Saturday to visitors. If you are in need of speaking to Holli our Administrative Secretary or to me, please call the church office.
- If you have a prayer request, please call the office or email Pastor Jill at jill.clem@iaumc.net.
- If you are not receiving church emails and would like to, please email us at mumchurch@wiatel.net and we will add you to our list.
- You will find the full worship service videos on our website, You Tube channel and Facebook page under Menville United Methodist Church.
- If you are unable to worship with us in-person, we encourage you to mail in your gifts and offerings to the church office or you may set up online giving by contacting Holli our administrative secretary. You will need to fill out a form and provide a voided check.

Gathering Words

Music Meditation

How Great is Our God

Call to Worship

This place for us is Holy Ground. The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love. God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames, and with his presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us. Instead God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity. Let us worship the Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer/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.

Music Meditation

Holy Ground

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Exodus 3:1-15 (Common English Bible)

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. ²The LORD's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up.

³Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up.

⁴When the LORD saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "I'm here." ⁵Then the LORD said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." ⁶He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God."

Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. ⁸I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. ⁹Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. ¹⁰So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Voice"

Pastor Jill Clem

Prayer

God, just as You called Moses so long ago, so You call each one of us to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today. Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow: when we question Your call or make excuses for our abilities; when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources. Give us courage to step out in faith, to follow where You lead without hesitation or fear, trusting that Your presence goes with us, and that You will provide all that we need. Amen.

Music Meditation

Here I Am, Lord

Blessing & Dismissal

Postlude