

Welcome to Menville United Methodist Church
September 6, 2020
14th Sunday after Pentecost/Labor Day Weekend

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 email me at jill.clem@iaumc.net.
- Be sure to check for updated information on our Facebook page and our website.
- 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

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing - 131

Call to Worship (unison)

**God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."**

**Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest."**

**We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,
Let us worship God this day!**

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Exodus 12:1-14 (Common English Bible)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. ⁴If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. ⁵Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. ⁷They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. ⁸That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. ¹⁰Don’t let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. ¹¹This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²I’ll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I’ll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I’ll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the LORD. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

Message

“Redemption”

Pastor Jill Clem

Prayer (unison)

**We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for your delight is in your people,
and the day of our salvation is near.
You are our King and our maker,
for all things came into being at your command.
You came to save your people from slavery,
striking the land of their oppressors,
and setting free all who identified themselves
with the blood of your lamb.
In your child, Jesus, you have again come to save us.
In his love we have seen the fulfilment of your law
and the revelation of your desire to reconcile all people –
to yourself and to one another.**

**When he was killed you raised him to life,
and marked us for salvation with his blood.
Now wherever two or three gather,
clothed in his love,
you are present in the midst of us
and we rejoice in you forever.
Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,
we offer you thanks and praise at all times
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away from you, and our love failed,
you turned to us, again and again,
and your love remained steadfast.
You led us from slavery to freedom,
made a covenant with us,
and set before us the way that leads to life.
And so with your people on earth,
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim recovery of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce the time when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
His very presence was and is a sign of your victory over death.
He was and is the resurrection and the life.
He led and leads us to freedom from sin and death.
And the meal that we share is a sign of your new and everlasting covenant.

On the night in which he gave himself for us he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and said,
"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
*"Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

And so, in remembrance of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
claiming the promise that if we have died with him we shall be raised with him,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.

The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set.
Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed.
Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup.
Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.

**Lord, you now have set your servants free
to go in peace as you have promised.
For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior
whom you have prepared for all the world to see!
Blessing and honor and glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Music Meditation

El Shaddai - 123

Commission & Benediction

Postlude