

**Welcome to Menville United Methodist Church**  
*September 13, 2020*  
*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
Worship Video - [https://youtu.be/7u1O\\_daX\\_XM](https://youtu.be/7u1O_daX_XM)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

*Welcome to worship at Menville United Methodist Church!*

*I am Pastor Jill Clem and I am so happy you are joining me today here in our sanctuary and those who are watching our service online.*

*As we worship, I hope you will feel the presence of God*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

*Awesome God*

**Call to Worship (unison)**

**Though the storm clouds of doubt and fear threaten to overcome us  
God leads us into ways of peace.**

**When the darkness of war and the deep pit of anger reach toward us  
God lifts and carries us through the darkness with hope and light.**

**Lord of hope and life, be with us today.**

**God of mercy and peace, lead our lives. 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**

*Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture – Exodus 14:19-31 (Common English Bible)**

<sup>19</sup> God's messenger, who had been in front of Israel's camp, moved and went behind them. The column of cloud moved from the front and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup> It stood between Egypt's camp and Israel's camp. The cloud remained there, and when darkness fell it lit up the night. They didn't come near each other all night. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, turning the sea into dry land. The waters were split into two. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites walked into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians chased them and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry. <sup>24</sup> As morning approached, the LORD looked down on the Egyptian camp from the column of lightning and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into a panic. <sup>25</sup> The LORD jammed their chariot wheels so that they wouldn't turn easily. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites, because the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!" <sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water comes back and covers the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry." <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. At daybreak, the sea returned to its normal depth. The Egyptians were driving toward it, and the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the cavalry, Pharaoh's entire army that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> The Israelites, however, walked on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup> The LORD rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the amazing power of the LORD against the Egyptians. The people were in awe of the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

**Message**

*"God with Us"*

*Pastor Jill Clem*

**Prayer**

**Awesome and majestic God,  
your creative power, your glory and holiness  
were experienced by your people of old  
as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom.  
They believed that no one could see your face and live.  
How blessed therefore are we,  
for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus—  
the human face of your love.  
You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond,  
by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings,  
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
These people of old believed that it was your presence with them**

which made them a chosen and special people.  
We praise and adore you, O God,  
for making our lives so special,  
by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus.  
May this time of worship and the service of our lives  
reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should so care for us.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Music Meditation**

*How Majestic is Your Name*

**Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude**