

Welcome to Menville United Methodist Church

September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

<https://youtu.be/OnxMlc60TeE> - worship video

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

- Pastor Harold Werley will be leading worship next Sunday, October 4th on World Communion Sunday.
- 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

P: Even though we whine and complain, God hears our cries.

L: Lift your voices in praise, for God has come to comfort you.

P: Thanks be to God who forgives and heals our wounded souls.

L: Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

P: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us truly listen to your words. 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – 140

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Exodus 17:1-7 (Common English Bible)

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people argued with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?” 3 But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?” 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me.” 5 The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. 6 I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, “Is the Lord really with us or not?”

Message

“Complaint Boxes”

Pastor Jill Clem

Prayer of Response

In the dry wildernesses of our lives, in the days of heat and thirst, you offer us living water. Thank you, gracious and generous God. When we begin to doubt your presence, and grumble that your love is unreliable, you offer us living water, Thank you, gracious and generous God. When life’s regrets and the bad choices we have made leave us feeling excluded and unworthy, you offer us living water, Thank you, gracious and generous God. When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others, have left us alone and wounded, you offer us living water, Thank you, gracious and generous God. We thank you and praise you, O God, that however we may thirst, whatever we may need to satisfy our souls, you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ; So we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others who, like us, are thirsty for your grace. Amen

Music Meditation

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings

Commission and Benediction

Postlude