

## **Welcome to Merville United Methodist Church**

*November 1, 2020/All Saint's Sunday*

<https://youtu.be/XtrCRJI4L-g> - Worship Video

### **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](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 Merville 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**

*For All the Saints*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Responsive Call to Worship**

L: Peace be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Come and see the love God has given to us.

**P: Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

L: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**P: With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

**Remembering the Saints**

Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more.

What happiness we shared when they walked among us.

What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

**Their memory is a blessing for ever.**

Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.

Our hearts yearn for them.

Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now.

The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

**Their souls are bound up in ours forever.**

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger.

So does goodness live and weakness fade from sight.

We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

**Their memory is a blessing for ever.**

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community.

To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute.

May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

**Their souls are bound up in ours forever.**

We give thanks that they now live and reign with you.

As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**They are alive for ever more. Amen.**

Steve Stubbs	11/1/19	Betty Robinson	08/20
Don Chesley	11/17/19	Phyllis Prodehl	9/11/20
Mary Jaacks	12/5/19	Dale Schreiner	9/16/2020
Vicki Manker	12/7/19	Gary Baker	10/7/20
Bob Schenk	4/17/20	Giny Weaver	10/17/20
Pat Horton Milbrodt	5/4/20	Marv Flewelling	10/24/20
James Rogers	6/5/20		

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Music Meditation**                      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**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 Mediation**                      *Surely, the Presence of the Lord*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture** – 1 John 3:1-3 (Common English Bible)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**                                      "Oh How He Loves Us"                                      *Pastor Jill Clem*

**Music Meditation**                      *O How He Loves You and Me*

O how he loves you and me!  
O how he loves you and me!  
He gave his life.  
What more could he give?  
O how he loves you;  
O how he loves me;  
O how he loves you and me!

**Holy Communion**

Come to the Lord's Table,  
all you who love him.  
Come to the Lord's Table,  
be at peace.  
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,  
God of Abraham and Sarah,  
God of Miriam and Moses,  
God of Joshua and Deborah,  
God of Ruth and David,  
God of the priests and the prophets,  
God of Mary and Joseph,  
God of the apostles and the martyrs,  
God of our mothers and our fathers,  
God of our children to all generations.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; 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 my 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 these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is 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.

Renew our communion with all your saints,  
especially those whom we name before you in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

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 God, now and forever.

Amen.

**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**                      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

**Blessing & Commission**

*Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.  
Walk in the light;  
testify to the resurrection of Christ;  
forgive the sins of all,  
and live at peace with one another.  
And may God bless you with life forever;  
May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you;  
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
.....In the name of Christ. Amen.*