

February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to worship at Menville United Methodist Church.

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

- We are now having in-person worship services in our Sanctuary at 10:15am on Sunday mornings.
- Please note that the church building does remain closed Monday – Friday to visitors. If you are in need of speaking to Holli our Administrative Secretary please call the church office.
- We encourage you to continue 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

Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power.
Crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Call to Worship

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every 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.

Hymn *Surely, the Presence of the Lord – No. 328*

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 angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Words of Preparation

Scripture – Colossians 1:1-14 (Common English Bible)

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother. ²To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae. Grace and peace to you from God our Father. ³We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. ⁴We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people. ⁵You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard about this hope through the true message, the good news, ⁶which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world.⁷You learned

it from Epaphras, who is the fellow slave we love and Christ's faithful minister for your sake. ⁸ He informed us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹ Because of this, since the day we heard about you, we haven't stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. ¹⁰ We're praying this so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way: by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; ¹² and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people. ¹³ He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. ¹⁴ He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

Message "Moving On With Christ" *Pastor Jill*

Congregational Prayer

Gracious God, as your beloved children, we pray that you would give us spiritual insight and understanding, so that we would know your will in all things, and so that the way we live would honor and please you, and bear fruit in the lives of those around us. We pray that you would strengthen us with your glorious power, so that we would have the patience and endurance we need to live with joy and integrity, always giving thanks for the mercy and love you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Savior. To you be glory, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there, my nets and labor

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name

Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus You call me

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

Blessing & Commission