Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

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January 31, 2021

*Community Worship Online and in the Sanctuary*

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Introit: #393 …...................................................................................................... “Spirit of the Living God”

Call to Worship: *Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows. Jesus will offer hope.*

*Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.mJesus will bring us healing.*

*Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God. Jesus will teach us new ways to live.*

\*Hymn #139, verses 1 and 5 …................................................................ “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord,   
the Almighty, the King of creation.   
O my soul, praise him,   
for he is thy health and salvation!   
All ye who hear,   
now to his temple draw near;   
join me in glad adoration!

5. Praise to the Lord!   
O let all that is in me adore him!   
All that hath life and breath,   
come now with praises before him!   
Let the amen sound from his people again;   
gladly forever adore him.

\*The Apostles’ Creed:

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;*  
*from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri #70

**♫** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.

Amen. Amen. ♫

Moment for Missions

Announcements and Bread Tin Offering for Camp Tekoa

Prayer for Illumination: *Perfect Light of revelation, As you shone in the life of Jesus, Whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

**15** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. **16** This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” **17** Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. **19** Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. **20** But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

A Time for the Children

Anthem ….......................................................................................... “Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”

Scripture Mark 1:21-28

**21** They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. **22** They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. **23** Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, **24** and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” **28** At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon: “Priest or Prophet”

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Offering and Doxology #95

♫*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen* ♫

\*Hymn #127 …............................................................................... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,   
pilgrim through this barren land.   
I am weak, but thou art mighty;   
hold me with thy powerful hand.   
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,   
feed me till I want no more;   
feed me till I want no more.   
  
2. Open now the crystal fountain,   
whence the healing stream doth flow;   
let the fire and cloudy pillar   
lead me all my journey through.   
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,   
be thou still my strength and shield;   
be thou still my strength and shield.   
  
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,   
bid my anxious fears subside;   
death of death and hell's destruction,   
land me safe on Canaan's side.   
Songs of praises, songs of praises,   
I will ever give to thee;   
I will ever give to thee.

Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

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Notices

**Prayers** for

**Joan Jones,** who had a total knee replacement on Friday.

**Dan,** Elaine Poovey's friend, who continues to recover from his cancer surgery. His doctor is pleased with his progress and Elaine says 'This surgery and recovery have been miraculous in many ways.'

**David Wolfe,** Eve Bridger's father, who is back home recovering from his surgery and an unexpected puncture to his lung caused during the procedure.

**Rachel Keeney,** who had surgery to repair a torn labrum in her hip on Tuesday. She'll be on crutches for 4 weeks.

**Mike Rice,** whocontinues his recovery from retinal surgery.

**Georgia Karr** (Mardy and SueLane’s mother)

Family and friends of **Ray Hardee**

Family of **Norma Todd**, mother of Bob Douglas, who passed away this week. She celebrated her one hundredth birthday earlier this year.

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**The Worship Committee** will meet at the conclusion of the service on February 7.

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There will be a **Charge Conference** at 7:30 p.m. on February 9, via Zoom. Access information is in the **Weekly Word**.

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**Souper Bowl Sunday** is *on*, despite the pandemic, and the church will be collecting for MANNA Food Bank on February 7, in person and remotely. These figures are from 2018, but they provide some perspective: on Super Bowl Sunday, Americans spent $1.3 billion (yes, **billion**) on beer and cider, $224 million on chips, $80 million on chicken wings. Meanwhile millions of Americans wonder where their next meal is coming from. Let’s do our part to make the Souper Bowl super. You can contribute in support of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers or the Kansas City Chiefs.

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