

Madison Street United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2020 ~ 10:15 A.M.

ENTRANCE

The Prelude

Chorale Prelude on 'Kremser'
Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Rev. Jared D. Wilson, organ

The Welcome

The Rev. Harriet J. Bryan

+The Call to Worship

Rev. Bryan

As God's people, we gather today
praying that God will guide all the nations of the world
into the ways of justice and truth.
May God establish among us that peace
which is the fruit of righteousness,
that this world may become the kingdom
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

+The Opening Prayer

The Rev. Valarie P. James

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Bountiful God,

who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives:

**Open our hearts today to hear your words
of compassionate justice,
that we may focus on the ways in which
you intend us to live
and be of service to you
by serving the world**

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

The Call to Confession

Rev. James

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

Let us pray:

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. James

Merciful God,

we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.

We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people.

We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them

and yet we bar the door to the needs of others,

of those who have little or nothing,

of those for whom life has been a constant struggle.

We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.

Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth,

both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope.

Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world.

For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Kyrie (*Sung responsively by the soloist and congregation*)

REINDORF KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

+The Assurance of Pardon

Rev. James

(The pastor pours water into the font, which reminds us of our baptism.)

Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that

you may use them to help others. God walks with you and

guides your steps as you reach out in compassion, mercy, and justice

to all in need. Amen.

+Act of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

(to be sung by all)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. James

Empty us of our preconceptions, our preoccupations, and our prejudices.
Empty us that we might be filled with your Spirit and your Word.
Empty us that we may be filled for ministry and mission.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Lesson

Rev. James

Ecclesiastes 4:4-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

+The Gospel Lesson

Rev. Wilson

Luke 12:16-21

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

The Madison Street Choir

JLM

Jesus loves me, of this I know. Jesus love me for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is so strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, Alleluia!
- Bradley Phillips (b. 1955)

The Sermon

Rev. Bryan

Making Space in Our Homes

Points to Ponder & Questions to Consider

- *It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.* ~Germany Kent
- *Your yearning power will always exceed your earning power.* ~Rick Warren
- *Being content is perhaps no less easy than playing the violin well; and requires no less practice.* ~Alain de Botton
- *Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.* ~St. John Chrysostom
- *Continually and unceasingly call to mind all the blessings which God in His love has bestowed on you in the past, and still bestows for the salvation of your soul. Do not let forgetfulness or evil or laziness make you grow unmindful of these many and great blessings, and so pass the rest of your life uselessly and ungratefully.* ~St. Mark the Ascetic
- *Contentment is the exit gate for the cycle of consumerism.*

What is (are) the most important thing(s) in my life?

How does that to which I devote my time to align with what I value most?

Do I find joy in what I am doing?

Do my work and possessions bring me an equal measure of peace?

The Act of Praise

Beverly Woodard & Jared Wilson, piano

I Need Thee Every Hour
Joel Raney (b. 1956)

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Wilson

After each petition, the leader will conclude saying:

Lord, in your mercy,

The people will respond:

Hear our prayer.

Together, let us pray for

the people of this congregation...

those who suffer and those in trouble...

the concerns of this local community...

the world, its people, and its leaders...

the church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission...

the communion of saints...

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.**

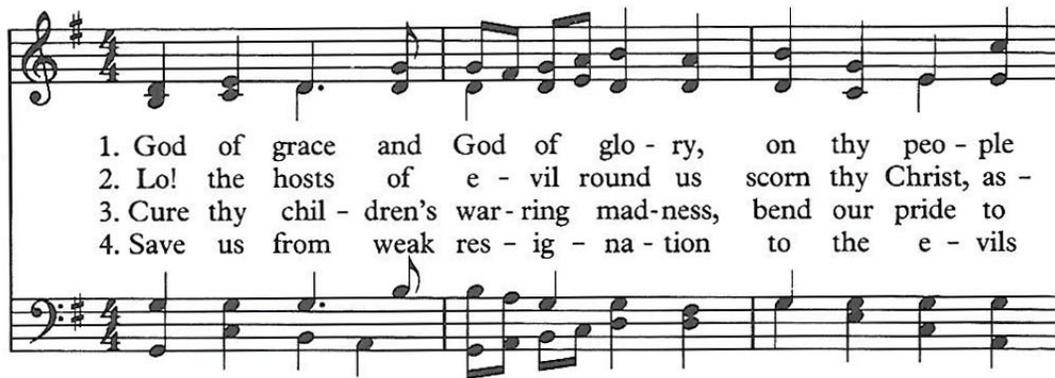
Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

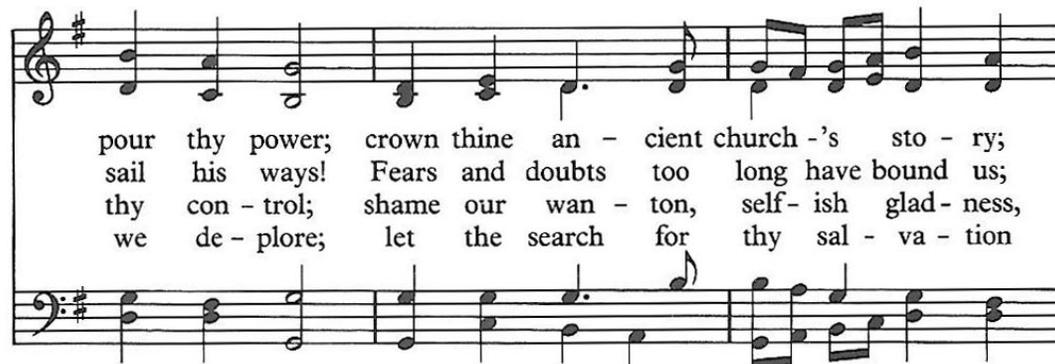
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

SENDING FORTH

The Charge and Benediction

Rev. Bryan

Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world. For your safety and convenience, you will find giving stations in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary. To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving. Text to give from your phone. Text REGISTER to 931.263.7485. Once registered, use the same number to text your desired dollar amount.

The Postlude

Rev. Wilson, organ

Chorale Prelude on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

(+ indicates to stand)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Linda B. Rudolph in loving memory of William S. Rudolph.*

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E.g., name@madisonstreetumc.org

Pick children up after worship on the 3rd floor which is through the doors on the left side of the sanctuary, then up the stairs:

4s ~Room 301

5s ~Room 309

1st-5th ~Room 307

SERVICE NOTES

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Harriet J. Bryan ~ Senior Pastor

The Rev. Jared D. Wilson ~ Senior Associate Pastor

The Rev. Valarie P. James ~ Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care

Musicians

Ms. Beverly W. Woodard ~ Associate Director of Music & Pianist

Acolyte

Polly Olita

The Liturgy was taken from the following resource:

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The Hymns

We Gather Together

Words: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894.

Music: George W. Warren, 1894

God of Grace and God of Glory

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

Music: John Hughes, 1907

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