

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

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September 20, 2020
11 am Parking Lot Worship Service

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Whatever our struggles, whatever our miracles, whatever our burdens, whatever our fruitful labor, we are thankful for the blessings from God and from God's good creation.

The abundance of God is all around us. Our worship is a way of saying "Thank you" to God, an expression of gratitude for love and grace that flows like rivers in deserts of need.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 105: 37-45

³⁷Then the LORD brought Israel out (from Egypt) with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.

³⁹The LORD spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

⁴⁰They asked, and God brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

⁴¹The LORD opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

⁴²For God remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

⁴³So God brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

⁴⁴The LORD gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

⁴⁵that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

Gathering Prayer

Music

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall

know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"^[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory.

We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs.

We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home.

We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for others who need it – but not us).

Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace.

Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

(Silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon

Music

God Will Take Care of You

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

The Laborers in the Vineyard

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he

replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'¹⁶ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Message

Rev. Don Greer

Prayer of Dedication / The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Music

Let All Things Now Living

#2008

The Faith We Sing Book

Benediction/Sending Forth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **In-Person Worship Survey** – A 3 question survey was handed out last Sunday and phone calls are being made. Please call or email the church office if you have not yet had an opportunity to respond to the survey.
- **Hand Bell Choir** - anyone interested in playing handbells? Lucas Detwiler, Hand Bell Director at CUMC, is starting a limited approach with handbells and would like to include anyone from GAUMC who would like to be involved. Handbell choir will be ringing in smaller groups of five. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday nights (or every other) at 7pm beginning on September 30th. Lucas would love for you to join them; you can contact him at ldetwiler7@gmail.com
- **Vandalism Update** – Repairs are almost complete. The downspouts have been replaced. The windows that were delivered have been installed. The other window is expected to be delivered and installed before the end of the month. If you are able to help with these expenses, please indicate "insurance/vandalism" on your check. Thank you!
- ***Praying Together for Peace*** Sunday, Sept 27 2:00 pm at Grady Park, Saukville
A collaborative effort of Port Washington and Saukville faith communities. Pastor Don will be participating in this public prayer service organized by A Place To Be.
- **OCTOBER Noisy Collection** – The Summerfield UMC elevator/lift is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. All churches who have helped with the homeless meals have been asked to make a donation toward the \$27,000 cost of a new lift. Summerfield is serving "take-away" meals on Saturday nights and lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please bring your noisy coins and shout *halleluiah* on Oct 11th to help us reach our goal of a \$1,000.00 donation to the new lift. (of course, quiet money/checks marked "Summerfield lift" are greatly appreciated too) 😊

REMINDER: *Our Outdoor / Parking Lot Services are weather permitting. So far we've been blessed with nice Sunday mornings but if it is raining, the service will be cancelled. However, you can still listen to the **Overcoming** audio series through our website at www.portumc.com*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #127

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 (want no more)
Feed me till I want no more

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; (strength and
shield) be thou still my strength

Let All Things Now Living #2008

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise
Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us
Who guides and leads to the end of our days
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night
Till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him Divine
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise

God Will Take Care of You #130

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you

God will take care of you
Through every day, o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you

No matter what may be the test
God will take care of you
Lean, weary one, upon His breast
God will take care of you

God will take care of you
Through every day, o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you