

MUMC At-Home Worship:

June 14, 2020

Hello friends!

As limitations are slowly being lifted in Michigan, I want to let you know our church leadership is deep in conversation planning for returning to in-person gatherings. At this point, we are continuing to worship from home but are allowing groups with ten or fewer people to use the building while wearing masks, adhering to physical distancing of six feet, and with cleaning of surfaces after their use (more details are on our website and will be posted at the church). I'll be sure to share as soon as plans are made for in-person worship!

Thanks for worshipping with us again this week!

-Pastor Dillon

If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:

Dear God, may our worship center us in your living presence and strengthen us for the week to come. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, United Methodist Hymnal #140 – [watch/listen here](#)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 5

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Reflect:

1. Beginning with the first line, "Hear my words, Lord!" this Psalm is centered in the experience of prayer, describing particularly laying everything out before God each morning. How might a daily practice of prayer, whether each morning or another time, be a valuable part of our expression of faith? Are there other ways you might like to lean more deeply into prayer?
2. This Psalm describes God as opposed to evil, despising the violent and dishonest, and even requesting God condemn them to failure. How does this depiction settle with your understanding of God? How might it challenge us to understand God more fully?
3. Ending on a high note, the Psalm talks of taking refuge in God and blessing the righteous. In your life, what might taking refuge in God look like? What might it look like to live righteously?

Hymn: *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*, United Methodist Hymnal #352 – [watch/listen here](#)

Prayer Requests: Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, United Methodist Hymnal #496 – [watch/listen here](#)

Closing Prayer:

Holy God, we rest in the strong foundation of your love. No matter the circumstances around us, may we find worship in our everyday. In Christ's name we pray, Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

United Methodist Hymnal #140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

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Psalm 5 (CEB)

Hear my words, Lord!
Consider my groans!
Pay attention to the sound of my cries,
my king and my God,
because I am praying to you!
Lord, in the morning you hear my voice.
In the morning I lay it all out before you.
Then I wait expectantly.
Because you aren't a God
who enjoys wickedness;
evil doesn't live with you.
Arrogant people won't last long
in your sight;
you hate all evildoers;
you destroy liars.
The Lord despises people
who are violent and dishonest.

But me? I will enter your house
because of your abundant, faithful love;
I will bow down at your holy temple,
honoring you.

Lord, because of many enemies,
please lead me in your righteousness.
Make your way clear,
right in front of me.

Because there's no truth in my enemies' mouths,
all they have inside them is destruction.
Their throats are open graves;
their tongues slick with talk.

Condemn them, God!
Let them fail by their own plans.
Throw them out for their many sins
because they've rebelled against you.
But let all who take refuge in you celebrate.
Let them sing out loud forever!

Protect them
so that all who love your name
can rejoice in you.

Because you, Lord, bless the righteous.
You cover them with favor like a shield.

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It's Me, It's Me, O Lord
(Standing in the Need of Prayer)
United Methodist Hymnal #352

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my brother, not my sister,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. *(Refrain)*
2. Not the preacher, not the deacon,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not the preacher, not the deacon,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. *(Refrain)*
3. Not my father, not my mother,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my father, not my mother,
but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. *(Refrain)*

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Sweet Hour of Prayer
United Methodist Hymnal #496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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