

# MUMC At-Home Worship:

October 11, 2020

We're continuing in our theme of generosity today as this week we begin our series called "The Generosity Challenge." As you may have read in the letter we've sent out to the congregation about it (if it hasn't arrived yet, it should come soon!), we're spending this time considering how God might be calling us to walk even further into practices of generosity. I'm glad to be making this journey with you and pray that it might be an opportunity for us all to grow in our faith and share God's love more boldly.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

-Pastor Dillon

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

Holy God, your generosity in love and grace has brought us to worship. Shape us in your image, to be generous bearers of your Spirit in our living! In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

**Hymn:** *Nothing Between*, United Methodist Hymnal #373 – [watch/listen here](#)

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1:26-28

**New Testament Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflect:

1. The Genesis passage shares that all people are made in the image of God. What characteristics can you recognize in yourself as being reflective of God? How might recognizing the image of God in each of us change how we treat others and ourselves?
2. The 1 John passage describes God as fundamentally loving, as revealed in an act of generosity: sending Jesus into the world that we might live through him. How have you experienced a relationship between being loving and being generous? Do you imagine it's possible to be one without the other?
3. How might God be inviting us each to be more loving? How might God be inviting us each to live more generously? What obstacles might be standing in the way of either?

**Hymn:** *I Am Thine, O Lord*, United Methodist Hymnal #419 – [watch/listen here](#)

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

## Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*, United Methodist Hymnal #399 – [watch/listen here](#)

## Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, may we go to live generously with all of what we have and all of who we are.  
Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

*Nothing Between*

**United Methodist Hymnal #373**

1. Nothing between my soul and my Savior,  
naught of this world's delusive dream;  
I have renounced all sinful pleasure;  
Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

*Refrain:*

Nothing between my soul and my Savior,  
so that his blessed face may be seen;  
nothing preventing the least of his favor;  
keep the way clear! let nothing between.

2. Nothing between, like worldly pleasure;  
habits of life, though harmless they seem,  
must not my heart from him ever sever;  
he is my all, there's nothing between.  
*(Refrain)*
3. Nothing between, like pride or station;  
self or friends shall not intervene;  
though it may cost me much tribulation,  
I am resolved, there's nothing between.  
*(Refrain)*
4. Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,  
though the whole world against me convene;  
watching with prayer and much self denial,  
I'll triumph at last, there's nothing between.  
*(Refrain)*

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**Genesis 1:26-28 (CEB)**

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image,  
in the divine image God created them,  
male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."

**1 John 4:7-10 (CEB)**

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

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***I Am Thine, O Lord***

**United Methodist Hymnal #419**

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

*Refrain:*

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.  
*(Refrain)*
3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!  
*(Refrain)*
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee.  
*(Refrain)*

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***Take My Life, and Let It Be***

**United Methodist Hymnal #399**

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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