

MUMC At-Home Worship:

November 15, 2020

Thank you to all those who completed the worship survey we sent out a few weeks ago! Your feedback was immensely helpful as we looked at how we might go forward from here. At this time, we're going to continue using our live-stream and at-home worship options as our primary venues for worship but are planning on adding an in-person morning prayer service at the church on Sundays at 9am sometime in the coming weeks, depending on the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in our area. I'll be sure the date and details of that service are widely shared once they are set!

In the meantime, we're on into a second week of Obadiah. 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:

Almighty God, ruler of all creation: may our worship open us to your presence, your voice, and your guidance. In Christ's name, Amen.

Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*, United Methodist Hymnal #348 – [watch/listen here](#)

Old Testament Reading: Obadiah 1:15-16

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflect:

1. In these two verses, the prophet Obadiah makes a quick switch from prophesying against Edom to suddenly talking about "all the nations." How does it change Obadiah's indictment against Edom when he shifts to include all the nations in God's judgement? How might we embody a similar practice of reflecting on our own actions when we're inclined to judge someone else?
2. One of Obadiah's themes is almost the inverse of the golden rule, that "as you have done, so it will be done to you." Have you ever witnessed this happening in your own experience? How does this rhetoric challenge and encourage you?
3. Obadiah says that all who drink on God's mountain will "be like they've never been before," which could be a reference to the nations' destructions but might also conceivably be a description of their complete transformation. In what ways have you tasted the Lord and become like you've never been before? In what ways was it like a destruction? In what ways was it like a transformation?

Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*, United Methodist Hymnal #382 – [watch/listen here](#)

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

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Change My Heart, O God*, The Faith We Sing #2152 – [watch/listen here](#)

Closing Prayer:

Holy God, teach us to live according to the same standard we hold others, giving grace and forgiveness in the same abundance as we have received them. Open us together to your transforming power, which will make us like we've never been before. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
United Methodist Hymnal #348

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

(Refrain)

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me.

(Refrain)

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and
pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

(Refrain)

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Obadiah 1:15-16 (CEB)

The day of the LORD is near
against all the nations.

As you have done, so it will be done to you;
your actions will make you suffer!

Just as you have drunk on my holy mountain,
so will all the nations around you drink;
they will drink and swallow quickly,
and they will be like they've never been before.

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Have Thine Own Way, Lord
United Methodist Hymnal #382

1. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

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Change My Heart, O God
The Faith We Sing #2152

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

You are the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

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