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## Monroe United Methodist Church

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August 5, 2018 8:00 and 10:45 Worship

### The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE John Daane  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands/ You'll Never Walk Alone  
Green County Harmony Chorus

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Empower me as I come to worship today, Lord.  
Guide me during worship and uphold me. Keep me attentive to you.  
Grant that all I do during this hour is sincerely and fully devoted to you.  
Amen.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS Knowing You  
All I once held dear, built my life upon, Graham Kendrick  
all this world reveres and wars to own. ©1994 Make Way Music  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
spent and worthless now compared to this:  
Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best; you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN Depth of Mercy #355

UNISON PRAYER Columbanus (Irish, d.615)  
O Lord Jesus, most loving Savior, I beg that you would reveal yourself  
to us, that knowing you we may desire you more,  
that desiring you we may love you more,  
and that loving you we may think about you more.  
Fill our hearts, souls, mind, and bodies with your grace. Amen.

#### TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

### The Church Hears God's Word

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jesus Is King over Death

SPECIAL MUSIC I Stand Here Forgiven Kalejh Parr (10:45)

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-6, ESV

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:1-10, The Message  
By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us - set us right with him, make us fit for him - we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand - out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary - we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him. Now that we are set right with God by means of this sacrificial death, the consummate blood sacrifice, there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way. If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of his Son, now that we're at our best, just think of how our lives will expand and deepen by means of his resurrection life!

Now that we have actually received this amazing friendship with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus, the Messiah!

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

## The Church Responds to God

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION at 8:00

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

OFFERTORY      Irish Blessing      Green County Harmony Chorus

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Paraphrased by Dallas Willard in *The Divine Conspiracy*

**Dear Father always near us, may your name be treasured and loved,  
may your rule be completed in us –  
may your will be done here on earth in just the way it is done in heaven.  
Give us today the things we need today.  
And forgive us our sins and impositions on you  
as we are forgiving all who in any way offend us.  
Please don't put us through trials, but deliver us from everything bad.  
Because you are the one in charge,  
and you have all the power, and the glory, too, is all yours – forever –  
which is just the way we want it. Amen.**

HYMN

Amazing Grace

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DEPART WITH BLESSING



**Communion At Monroe United Methodist Church –**  
everyone is invited, no matter your church membership. Our founder John Wesley said that sometimes it's in taking communion that people experience grace and want to follow Jesus.  
We use grape juice instead of wine.  
Pastor Randy has gluten-free wafers for communion.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, notify an usher  
**to be found in you, and known as yours.**  
**To possess by faith what I could not earn:**  
**all surpassing gift of righteousness.**

Additional Slides

Prelude at 8:00 includes Green County Harmony Chorus

Don't know titles, but they're singing at opening and special music time