



Monroe United Methodist Church

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October 7, 2018 8:00 and 10:45 Worship

The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I am amazed at your work, Jesus. You have saved me and in communion feed me. I know you have saved people from every place on earth and fed them, too. On this worldwide communion Sunday, let me savor the idea that your love connects me to you and them. Wow! What a family reunion. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS

Afro American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees, (twice)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (twice)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

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UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church,

we have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

The Church Hears God's Word

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Family Blessing

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, ESV

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs...

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, [Psalm 8] What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

[Psalm 22:22]

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-48, NLT

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn't one of our group."

"Don't stop him!" Jesus said. "No one who performs miracles in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I assure you, that person will be rewarded.

"But if anyone causes one of these little ones who trusts in me to lose faith, it would be better for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around the neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better to enter heaven with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better to enter heaven with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It is better to enter the Kingdom of God half blind than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 'where the worm never dies and the fire never goes out.'

SERMON

The Church Responds to God

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

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

Father, may your name be honored. New Living Translation

May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven.

Give us our food day by day.

And forgive us our sins –

just as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation,

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

I Come with Joy

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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 who will in turn notify the communion servers to go to you.

Children's Sermons

Oct 7 Family blessing

Genesis 25: 19-34; 27