

H u m i l i t y

is not thinking less of yourself;
it is thinking of yourself less.

Monroe United Methodist Church

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October 8, 2017 8:00 and 10:45 Worship

The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE

Julie Shipe McClain

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Quiet our spirits, O Lord, so that we might focus upon your presence and know that we are properly worshiping you, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS

He Is Lord

Tom Fettke

**He is Lord. He is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**He is mine. He is mine. He is Lord of all the earth and he is mine.
Ev'rywhere I go, this one thing I know, that Jesus Christ is mine.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

**May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I think and do and say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his humble power.**

**May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything
that I may be calm to comfort all the sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self-abasing, now I know his victory.**

**May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as each day I onward go.
May Christ's beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only peace from him.**

**May I take off godless habits as I would old, filthy rags;
strip myself of hate and anger, impure motives, shame that nags.
May I put on righteousness and live a life of truthfulness,
Christ, renew my mind, my desires, clothe me now in holiness.**
Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)

PRAYER

Let us remember Jesus:

who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt
among us, who was content to be subject to his parents,
the child of a poor couple's home.
Who lived for 30 years the common life,
whom the people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.
People: May this mind be in us which was in Christ.

Let us remember Jesus:

who was might in deed, healing the sick and disordered,
using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself,
who was Master and Lord to his disciples,
yet was among them as their companion and as one who served.
People: May this mind be in us which was in Christ.

Let us remember Jesus:

who loved people, yet retired from them to pray,
who prayed for the disciples who turned away from him,
who forgave those who rejected and tortured him
People: May this mind be in us which was in Christ.

Let us remember Jesus:
who believed in people and never despaired of them,
who disregarded his own status, comfort, and convenience,
and thought of others' needs first, and was always kind.
who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death,
even death on a cross, so that God now has highly exalted him.

People: May this mind be in us which was in Christ.

O Christ, our only Savior, come live with us that we may see with your hope in our eyes, your love in our hearts, and your strength in our hands. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

The Church Hears God's Word

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

David the Musician

SPECIAL MUSIC

Teach Me

Chancel Choir (8:00)

Make a Joyful Noise

Jane Olson (10:45)

EPISTLE READING

EPISTLE TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2: 1 – 18, NIV

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

SERMON

The Church Responds to God

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN All Praise the Thee, for Thou, O King Divine #166

DEPART WITH BLESSING



Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)
Our church exists so that all people might
find the Way, know the Truth, and experience the Life!"

October Stewardship Message

Stewardship is not humanity's way of raising money,
but rather God's way of raising people into the likeness of his Son

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others. – Philippians 2:4

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

Oct 8 David the Musician 1 Samuel 16: 14 – 23 chosen... lyre

87.87 D Beecher (Love Divine, All Loves Excelling) Ephesians 4: 24

Opening HYMN