

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday of Easter + May 9, 2021

† *We're delighted you're here and hope you feel at home! Please take a moment to complete the prayer request form inserted in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate as you exit.*

† *MUMC welcomes children—and children's noise! If at any time during the service your child needs a place for more active play, an optional nursery for pre-K students and younger is provided downstairs.*

† *Our current worship guidelines ask that you wear masks and social distance. Thank you for your help!*

## GATHERING

### Welcome

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.*  
Amen. —Galatians 1:3-5

### Prelude

*We invite you to prayerfully (and joyfully!) prepare your heart for the worship of God during this time.*

### Opening Prayer

*The prayer begins:*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

### Praise

The Love of God  
How He Loves Us

## PROCLAMATION

*Scripture—1 John 3:11-24*

For this is the message you heard from the beginning:

**We should love one another.**

Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him?

Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

**We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other.**

Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

**This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.**

And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

**If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?**

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him:

**If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.**

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

**And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.**

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

*Scripture—1 John 4:7-21*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

## RESPONSE

*Prayers of the People*

*The congregation responds to each petition:*  
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayer concludes:*

**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.**

*Affirmation of Faith*

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation, firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

*—based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20*

Praise, Great Are You Lord

*Give, Serve, Grow*

*Giving is an act of worship & an expression of gratitude to God. We offer Him ourselves and the material world He has placed under our care. Our tithes and offerings become a means of spreading the gospel, strengthening disciples, and serving the needy. Online giving has been set up through a link on our website.*

*Opportunities for service and growth are listed on the back of the bulletin, including our current prayer list. More immediate prayer requests are sent via email/facebook throughout the week.*

*If you'd like to sign up for our e-newsletter, e-prayer chain, or for more information, please contact the church office at 865.982.4799 or [umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com](mailto:umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com).*

## SENDING FORTH

*Benediction*

*We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia! Amen.*

*Postlude*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND SERVICE

*The mission and desire of Middlesettlements United Methodist Church is to reach out and lovingly touch lives as Jesus Christ did, both by word and example.*

**Wedding shower honoring Robby Clemens and Michaela McCarthy**, is Sunday, May 23, 2-4 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Drop by or stay for a while. Robby & Michaela are registered at Amazon and Target. Host: the choir.

### Dale Love Scholarship Fund

During the month of May we will be taking a special offering for the Dale Love Scholarship Fund. There are applications on the informational desk in the Narthex for the Dale Love Memorial Scholarship and the Robert and Callie Goddard Memorial Scholarship. To be considered, the Memorial Scholarship Committee must receive completed applications by May 31.

**Mark your calendar for the next Council Meeting.** It is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 11 and will be by ZOOM. There will also be an option to call in if you do not have internet. You will receive another email with instructions closer to the meeting date.

**Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School** (Infant through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dates are Sunday June 27 – Wednesday June 30. Dinner will be provided.

### Thank You

*Jan and I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and good thoughts during my recent illness and recuperation. This has meant so much to us. Please continue to pray as I continue to regain my strength.*

*Luther & Jan Goodson*

**Information desk in Narthex** please find your list of items needed for Buckets for Africa mission project.

## PRAYER LIST

**Our Prayer List:** Ina Bolton, Howie and Rachel Ammons's niece, **Brittany, and husband Chris** who both have COVID; Matt Webb the husband of an employee of his (major spinal issues); **Luther Goodson, Betty Scott** (grandmother of Robin Turnmire) Cancer; **Carolyn Crisp, J.B. O'Connor, Leona Mote, Effie Cardin;** Joel & Kathy Puckett for his cousin **Jodie Dunn and her family** (she is in ICU with COVID); **Kermit Marcus** (Justin's father); Howie & Rachel Ammons brother-in-law, **Bruce Rudder** (cancer); Mary Justice' son, **Donnie Swanner;** Maria Carpenter Wright's sister **Linda** (lupus, asthma, & Meniere's Disease) and friend **Dianne** (cancer); Keith & Leslie McAmis's her sister, **Susan Philips** (chemo); Judy Goodson's brother **Jim Lester** (cancer); Bridget Jenkins's daughter **Holly Child** (cancer)..

## WORSHIP NOTES

MIDDLESETTLEMENTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Service of Worship

May 9, 2021



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*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! —Revelation 5:12*