

Mason First United Methodist Church

Gathers to Worship God

October 18, 2020 9:30 a.m.

“Whoever does good is from God.”
(3 John 11b)

PRELUDE Ruben Droscha

WELCOME
Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us today!

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dennis Howe

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

**That we do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.**

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

**To remember that now is always the right time to
do these things.**

So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your heart on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2:2-10 CEV

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Do Good* Rev. Suzanne Goodwin

“You owe your conscience to God;
to one another you owe nothing but mutual love.”
(Letters of Saint Augustine)

*HYMN *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

As a fire is meant for burning

with a bright and warming flame,

So the church is meant for mission,

giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs,

but to build a bridge of care,

We join hands across the nations,

finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;

we are pilgrims on the way.

We are seekers; we are givers;

we are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle, loving actions

we would show that Christ is light.

In a humble, listening Spirit

we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime

is a sign of life renewed,

So may we be signs of oneness

'mid earth's peoples, many hued.

As a rainbow lights the heavens

when a storm is past and gone,

May our lives reflect the radiance

of God's new and glorious dawn.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Altar Flowers are placed to honor
Marilyn Lautzenheiser
as she retires after decades of wonderful service to our church

Our Book of Abiding Memorials turns to the names
Richard M. Bowne and Levah M. Bowne

SERVICE NOTES

We wish to thank each and every one sharing their gift of talent and service in today's worship.

Liturgist: Dennis Howe

Ushers: Glenn and Deb Darling, David and Peggy Gunns,

Jeff and Marilyn Lautzenheiser

Camera Technician: Jim Goodwin

Slide Technician: Tim Crandall

Sound Technician: Jon Droscha

NURSERY

An Infant and Toddler Nursery is located on the church's sanctuary level for children from infants through age three. Nursery care is available upon request for the youngest members of our community — simply ask an usher.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Mason First United Methodist Church has an active prayer ministry. If you have an urgent concern (surgery, accident, etc.), you can ask our Crisis Prayer Team to lift your need in prayer. Call Joyce Darling (676-4808) or Ina Lyon (676-1268) any time of the day or night, any day of the week. They will alert the rest of the prayer team. Details of your concern are not necessary; and all requests are treated confidentially.

Mason First Prayer Concerns – Keep in Prayer:

- Ken LoVette who is gravely ill, residing at Green Acres.
- Ken Guettler who continues dealing with serious health issues.
- Diane David who is at rehab, recovering from back surgery.
- Bob and Connie Bartlett on the passing of his brother.

Opportunities at Mason First:

FAITH CHAT – CANCELLED THIS WEEK – WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK

Email Pastor Suzanne at revsuzanne@masonfirst.org for more info.

YOUTH CORN MAZE -- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 – TIME TBD

Contact Mary Lou Kennon for more information – mkennon@att.net

NEW MEMBER CLASS -- MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:30PM

Depending on how many people are interested/able, it will either be done via Zoom or we will hold it at the church. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Suzanne or call the office.

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES -- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 8:00PM

COVID protocols will be in place to protect singers... See the upcoming newsletter for more information.

LIVING NATIVITY -- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 FROM 5:30PM-8:30PM

To sign up to be a Living Nativity volunteer,

- Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
- Go to "Search for a sign up"
- By "sign up creator's email" type in revsuzanne@masonfirst.org
- Check the box "I'm not a robot"
- Click on "Search"

We appreciate your diligent adherence to the COVID situation. Social distancing and masks remain important parts of the safety protocols we have in place to protect one another.

This Week at Mason First:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00PM Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30PM Disciple Class

Note: Both sessions of Faith Chat cancelled this week.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00PM Handbell Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00AM-2:00PM COATS FOR ALL Giveaway
St. James Catholic Church

To donate to this mission, please drop off warm weather gear at St. James or Dart Bank by October 22.

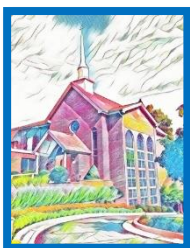
The TINY PANTRY located by the Ash St. circle drive is being utilized more and more by our neighbors in need.

Suggested items you could donate:

- Applesauce
- Canned Beans
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Meat
- Canned Vegetables
- Crackers
- Fruit (Canned or Dried)
- Granola Bars
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Meals in a Box
- Nuts
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Powdered Milk
- Soup, Stew and Chil
- Whole Grain Cereal



If you prefer to donate money so a representative from the church shop can instead, just write "Tiny Pantry" on your offering envelope and include it with your offering.



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Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

Sunday, October 18, 2020

MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Suzanne Goodwin, Pastor
Ruben Droscha, Director of Music
Chris Bement, Children's Choir Director