

Mason First United Methodist Church

Gathers to Worship God

October 25, 2020 9:30 a.m.

*"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek
his presence continually."
(Psalm 105:4)*

PRELUDE Ruben Droscha

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Glenn Darling
A love that never ceases,
A creativity that designed the universe,
A hope that cannot be quenched,
A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:
These are the things that are of God.
Then let us worship God.

*HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of earth and life are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*"We love because God first loved us."
(1 John 4:19)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 JOHN 4:7-21

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Stay in Love With God* Rev. Suzanne Goodwin

HYMN *I Love You Lord*
**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*
**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Altar Flowers are placed by Ruth Judd
in honor of loved ones

Our Book of Abiding Memorials turns to the names
Marian Alborell and Hugh Keith Alborell

SERVICE NOTES

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

Liturgist: Glenn Darling

Ushers: Glenn and Deb Darling, David and Peggy Gunns,
Jeff and Marilyn Lautzenheiser

Camera Technician: Jim Goodwin

Slide Technician: Tim Crandall

Sound Technician: Mark Wolfgang

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.

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.

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 still at rehab, recovering from back surgery.

Opportunities at Mason First:

YOUTH CORN MAZE – TONIGHT! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 6:00PM * \$7 PER YOUTH

RSVP to Mary Lou Keenon by 4pm, please! Email mkeenon@att.net

FAITH CHAT – RESUMES THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY

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

ALL SAINTS DAY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

If you would like us to honor a loved one you have lost during the last year (since November 1, 2019), please call the office to give us his/her name, date of passing, and how you are related. Please contact the office no later than Wednesday, October 29. We would like to include the information in the bulletin, and have a candle of remembrance to light for each individual being honored.

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

COVID protocols will be in place to protect singers, with practice taking place in the social hall. See the newsletter for more details.

NEW MEMBER CLASS – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 6:30PM

We will meet in the Chapel, located on the other side of the social hall from the office wing. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Suzanne or call the office.

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"



NOTE: Next weekend is the end of Daylight Savings Time –

Don't forget to turn your clock back before you go to bed on Halloween night, or you'll be an hour early for worship!

This Week at Mason First:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00AM Faith Chat via ZOOM
6:30-8:00PM Disciple Class in Fellowship Hall
7:00PM Faith Chat via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00PM Handbell Choir in One Room Sunday School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Daylight Savings Ends – FALL BACK or you'll be early to worship!

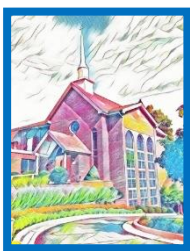
The TINY PANTRY located by the Ash St. circle drive is being utilized more and more by our neighbors in need.

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 can shop instead, just write "Tiny Pantry" on your offering envelope and include it with your offering.



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*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your might.*

Deuteronomy 6:5

Sunday, October 25, 2020

MINISTRY STAFF

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