

Mason First United Methodist Church

Gathers to Worship God

November 8, 2020 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Ruben Droscha

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We gather as God's beloved children;
However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.
We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community;
So this becomes a place where all are welcome.
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing,
to be with each other;
As one people, let us worship and praise our God.

*HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**

**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

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.

HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

GENEROSITY MOMENT

PSALM 22 (Responsive Reading)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joel 1:2-3
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Blessed to Bless the Children* Rev. Suzanne Goodwin

*HYMN *You Are the Seed*

**You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
You're the star that will shine in the night;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
A beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
You're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
My witnesses where're you go.**

Refrain:

**Go, my friends, go to the world proclaiming love to all,
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, tell the end of the world."**

**You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
Sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world
Through valleys and pastures of peace.
You are the life that will nurture the plant;
You're the waves in a turbulent sea;
Yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
A new loaf of bread it will yield. (Refrain)**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

A HYMN FOR TODAY AND EVERY DAY

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

Altar Flowers are placed by Julie Adolphson (and sons)
in honor of daughter Lara's 16th Birthday

Our Book of Abiding Memorials turns to the names
Mabel A. Akers and Grover C. Akers, Sr.

SERVICE NOTES

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

Ushers: David and Peggy Gunns,

Jeff and Marilyn Lautzenheiser

Camera Technician: Jim Goodwin

Slide Technician: Elaine Ferris

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; all requests are treated confidentially.

MASON FIRST PRAYER CONCERNS – KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Rebekah Fennell (sister of Deb and Dan Fennell), who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Ina Lyon, who is home recuperating after a hospital stay.
- Ken LoVette who is gravely ill, residing at Green Acres.
- Ken Guettler who continues dealing with serious health issues.
- Diane David, who hopes to come home from rehab this week, after spending several weeks in rehab following back surgery.

OPPORTUNITIES AT MASON FIRST:

DINNER IN THE PARK – TODAY -- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Mike Buckner is thrilled to have enough volunteers to help load up supplies and serve. The next opportunity to help will be December 13.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY – TONIGHT AT THE CHURCH

Youth will meet and help sort the many donations which have come in to help the homeless. Please wear your mask – gloves will be provided.

POINSETTIA SALES TO BENEFIT FUTURE YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) to help decorate the church during advent, that sign up will be available soon. Stay tuned!

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – NEW SERIES!

We'll begin our Advent series, *Incarnation* based on the book by Adam Hamilton. Books will be available for purchase starting next Sunday for \$12 each. Both the Sunday FaithLink class and the Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening Faith Chat classes will be doing the book study during Advent. You're welcome to join any of those classes. However, if none of those fit your schedule and you think we need to add another class, let us know and we'll see what we can do to set up another time for either in-person or Zoom format.

FAITH CHAT (VIA ZOOM) – TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM OR 7:00PM

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

CHANCEL CHOIR – WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00PM

Our singers resumed practice last week, meeting in the social hall to promote social distancing, with COVID protocols in place to protect all.

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

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 diligence as we continue dealing with the COVID situation. Social distancing and wearing masks remain crucial safety protocols we have in place to protect one another.

THIS WEEK AT MASON FIRST:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 10:00am Faith Chat via ZOOM
- 6:30-8:00pm Disciple Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00am Faith Chat via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:00pm Handbell Choir in the One Room Sunday School
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir in the Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 1:00pm CACS Commodity Distribution Day
(Our parking lot will be a very busy place.)

THE TINY PANTRY

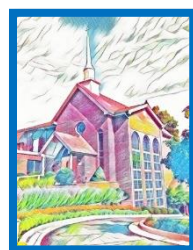
is being utilized daily by our neighbors in need.

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 Chili
- 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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MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Suzanne Goodwin, Pastor

Ruben Droscha, Director of Music

Chris Bement, Children's Choir Director