

ONE FAITH MANY VOICES

Sunday, October 18, 2020

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost • Liturgical Color: Green

†Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Gospel Band

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Dr. Julie Boone

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amber Lea Gray

Leader: God of the ages, we sing your praises in the vineyards of our lives.

All: Tend the garden of our love.

Leader: Where we have become ragged and wild, prune us in the way we should grow.

All: Nurture the soil of our hope.

Leader: Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith.

All: Heal the roots of our faith.

Leader: Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat, and protection in the wilderness.

All: Protect the growth of our spirit. Amen.

SONG

Total Praise (*R. Smallwood*)

Band & Singers

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Gray

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

** universal*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God (*Vasile*)

Band & Singers

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

I've Got the Victory (*Y. Adams*)

Band & Singers

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gray

PASTORAL PRAYER • LORD'S PRAYER NO. 895

Rev. Chad Loucks

All: 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.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Brian & Emily Holle

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

You Know My Name (*T. C. Leonard*)

Band & Singers

†DOXOLOGY

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.

†SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Dr. Boone

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Inheritance

Rev. Dr. Boone

SONG

Every Praise (*H. Walker*)

Band & Singers

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Boone

POSTLUDE

O Happy Day (*E. Hawkins*)

Gospel Band

Guest Musicians

Mercedes Elston, voice

Robert Cordy, bass

William Wilhite, percussion

This week at MFUMC

FLOWERS: The flowers in worship today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jean Espe who is missed by her husband, Ike, and her children Kathy, Jeff, Tina, and Mimi.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Katherine Ceiidh McDaniel, granddaughter of Ken & Sally McDaniel, on October 8.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Jimmy Hudgins and Rupert Raines

SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of Richard Sullivan on his death on October 13.

To Dr. Michael & Shannon Rossitch on the death of Mike's mother, Dr. Martha Carmen Rossitch, on October 9.

To Tammy & Anthony Cochran on the death of Tammy's grandmother, Ruth Shamblin, on October 1.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Pat and Bill Evans as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Upcoming Dates From Children's Ministry

- Power 45 outdoor games in the Park on October 18 from 3-5 p.m. for 4th & 5th graders.
- Contact kellyduncan@mariettafumc.org for more information and sign-ups!

From Youth Ministry

- We'll have Mid High Worship Night this evening in the Park for students who have registered, 6-8 p.m. Senior High students that were registered for last week's worship are also welcome to attend.
- Students are invited to join us at 10:10 a.m. on October 25 by the Lower Room patio for fellowship and a devotional. Registration is not required. Please bring a chair and a mask.
- Register for the 12th grader gathering on October 27. Details coming soon!
- Check our website, mariettafumcyouth.com, to find our calendar, sign-ups, and more or e-mail mikesmith@mariettafumc.org.

Our Upcoming Worship Schedule

October 25

Worship in the *Sanctuary* at 9 a.m.
Worship in the Park at 11:15 a.m.
Online Worship at 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Faithful Together

We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2021 commitment to our church. You can go online at mariettafumc.org/give/commitment or you may turn in a paper pledge card.

Senior Adults Bluegrass & BBQ

You're invited to Bluegrass & BBQ with the Senior adults on October 21 in the Park at noon. Please pre-register at mariettafumc.org/bbq.

City Prayer Gathering

Join us on Saturday, October 24, at 10 a.m. in the Park as we gather together as the Body of Christ in Marietta to pray for our city. Bring a blanket or chair! Register at: mariettafumc.org/prayer.

Fall Festival: Tailgate, Treats & Trails

Join us on October 25, 4-6 p.m., for trunk or treat, a scavenger hunt, costume contest, haunted cabin, hot chocolate, and more! For details and to register go to mariettafumc.org/tailgate.

Soldier Boxes

We have three wonderful ways to get involved with holiday care packages for our military. You can donate items, supply a name and address of a family member or friend to receive a package, and help pack boxes on November 7 at Local Day of Service. mariettafumc.org/soldierboxes

Worship in the Park October 18, 2020 • 9:00 a.m.

Learning to Pivot

There is a word that has become popular and taken on new meaning this year. It is the word "pivot." Individuals and organizations talk about the importance of learning how to, and the need to, "pivot." It is the ability to move, turn swiftly, adjust to a new position, and it is true that during these many months we have had to do a lot of pivoting. If we choose not to pivot, then we risk stagnation. No one wants or desires that, at least I don't think we do.

After seven months of being in this pandemic, we are again pivoting as we return to worship in our Sanctuary today. It is glorious to be together again in our beautiful Sanctuary. For those who prefer the great outdoors, we will also be offering worship in the Park at 11:15 a.m. So, today, we will offer two in-person worship services! It will be a busy and wonderful day as we once again *pivot* to a new normal.

Today is also the second to last installment of our One Faith Many Voices series as we celebrate Gospel Sunday. Though congregational singing is discouraged, we will be able to enjoy the wonderful voices of our gospel singers. It will be a day of uplifting music, whether we are in the Sanctuary or the Park.

We cannot forget that all this *pivoting* is possible because of your generosity. We are in our second week of Stewardship, *Faithful Together*. Stewardship is not just about money or giving to a budget (which is important); it is also about growing spiritually and impacting lives. Money is a tool to be used to transform lives and communities. When we give of our financial resources, we have the ability to make a significant and long-lasting impact on someone's life and in our community. Yes, our financial giving helps to pay the bills, but it is also used to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. **Commitment Sunday is October 25.** My hope and prayer are that as we consider our ministry needs for 2021, we will all pivot towards extravagant generosity.

Faithfully yours,



GIFTS TO MFUMC IN MEMORY OF:

Louise Mitchell – Milton Robinson (organ fund)

Worship Leaders

Senior Minister:
Rev. Dr. Julie Boone

Associate Minister:
Rev. Amber Lea Gray

Associate Minister:
Rev. Chad Loucks

Organist/Interim Director of Music:
Brian Parks

Music Associate:
Catherine Moulton

Marietta First UMC Giving

There are four ways you can give to support the mission and ministry of our church:

1. Online at mariettafumc.org/give
2. Text any dollar amount to 84321
3. Through the Offering Plate
4. By mailing your gift to the church office