

***Affirmation of Faith** The World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom; in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence and action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security for those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn How Great Thou Art UMH 77

Scripture Reading Psalm 19 Robert Baker
Ad. Council Chairperson at Bernardsville UMC

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Sung Response Wonderful Words of Life (1&3) UMH 600

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:33-46 BJ Wagner
Ad. Council Chairperson at Gladstone UMC

³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴²Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Message for Children

Rev. Myung Sun Han

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter)

Bernardsville UMC Choir

Message

Rev. Barbara Rambach
District Superintendent of Raritan Valley District

Hymn for Preparation of Holy Communion

One Bread One Body UMH 620

Holy Communion

Rev. Barbara Rambach
Rev. Myung Sun Han
Laura Cole Lay Leader at Bernardsville UMC
Sandy Santagelo Lay Leader at Gladstone UMC

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent their sin and seek to love in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All pray in silence

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

Offering

As forgiven and reconciled people,
Let us offer ourselves and our gift to God.

Offertory Be Thou My Vision (Larson)

Bernardsville UMC Choir

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Barbara Rambach

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity
and blessed by your breath of life.
Rainbow colors bloom in spring,
summer breezes bring garden delight,
and now as Autumn comes our way
we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter,
of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos

you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes
to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace,
to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.

And so,
with all your people on earth
in every place where two or more are gathered in your name
and all the company of heaven who have gone before us
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father
and he asked that we might be known
by the love we have for one another.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the
globe may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one.
Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all
the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming
kingdom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

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Prayer after the Holy Communion Rev. Myung Sun Han

***Closing Hymn** O Church of God, United UMH 547

***Benediction** Rev. Barbara Rambach

***Coral Response** The Lord Bless You and Keep You (Lutkin)
Bernardsville UMC Choir

***Postlude** Heavenly Sunlight (Cook/Shackley) Larry Carey



Announcement



1. **Welcome to the Joint Worship** on the World Communion Sunday! There will be fellowship after the worship which is prepared by the members of Gladstone UMC. Please, join in the warm fellowship in the lower level.
2. In celebration of Joint Worship and World Communion Sunday, please, join in **the special offering for World Communion Scholarship Program** of General Board of Global Mission. You may use the special envelope for this special offering.
3. **Profound Practicality Series:** Please, join in the studying, reading, and memorizing the Book of Proverbs in month of October. For details, please, see the “Profound Practicality” brochure. Next Bible Study Schedule: 10/4(Tue) 7:30 at Gladstone UMC 10/7(Fri) 10:00 at Bernardsville UMC
4. **Morris Habitat for Humanity:** Pastor Myung will join in “Clergy Build” on Oct. 5th, Wed. You are welcome to join in him. For details, please, talk to Pastor Myung.

Announcement for Bernardsville UMC

1. **Church’s 170th Anniversary:** Please, join in the worship celebrating the 170th birthday of the church on Oct. 16!
2. **Meetings and Events**
 - 10/7(Fri) 7:30-9:30 First Friday Café for Palmer School Community
 - 10/18(Tue) 1:00 Palmer School Advisory Committee
 - 10/18(Tue) 7:30 Ad. Council Meeting
3. **Pastor Myung’s Office Hour:** 10/4(Tue.) 3:00-7:00 pm,
10/6(Thur.) 1:30-3:30/4:30-7:30

Announcement for Gladstone UMC

1. **Meetings & Events**
 - 10/9(Sun) 11:45 am Ad. Council Meeting

- 10/23(Sun) 4:00-6:00 pm Taize Evening Prayer Service at St. Luke Episcopal Church (182 Main St.)
- 2. **Pastor Myung's Office Hour:** 10/5(Wed.) 2:00-5:00 pm,
10/7(Fri.) 1:00-3:00

Thank you for Coming to Today's Worship!