

Riverside United Methodist Church

Stonewall Remembrance Sunday • June 28, 2020 • 9:30 AM

**** The people will rise in body or spirit.**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Call to Worship

****Opening Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4 God, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with you Spirit; God, free us, make us one!

****Invocation**

Gathering the Community

Exchange of Peace

THE WORD

Modern Reading from *Torn* by Justin Lee

Sandy Hunter, liturgist

Sometimes, when I look at the church today, I feel like I'm living in a commercial. "God's Truth!" one side shouts. "More loving!" comes the response. "God's Truth!" "More loving!" "God's Truth!" "More loving!" But there shouldn't be a clash between "God's Truth" and "more loving." In the Bible, Truth and Love are two sides of the same coin. You can't have one without the other. God's Truth is all about God's Love for us and the Love we ought to have for one another. We are being untrue to that Truth if we treat people unlovingly. And we are missing out on the full extent of that Love if we try to divorce it from Ultimate Truth. We Christians must work to repair this schism in the church. If the church is to survive much longer in our culture, it must teach and model the Christianity of Jesus – a faith that combines Truth and Love in the person of Jesus Christ, revealed to us in the Bible and lived out in the everyday lives of his followers. That is what we say we believe. It's time we start acting like it.

Special Music

For Everyone Born

Daniel Kuhn, piano
Rebecca Dorn, solo

Pastoral Prayer

****Gradual**

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

TOWNEND

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity.
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

****Gospel Reading** Luke 6:37-43 (CEB)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

All: Glory to you, O God.

Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return. Jesus also told them a riddle. A blind person can't lead another blind person, right? Won't they both fall into a ditch? Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, but whoever is fully prepared will be like their teacher. Why do you see the splinter in your brother's or sister's eye but don't notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Brother, Sister, let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when you don't see the log in your own eye? You deceive yourselves! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye. A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit.

One: Living Spirit, Living Word

All: Thanks be to God!

****Response** *(sung in Latin)*

Gloria, Gloria

UMH 72

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

(Glory, Glory, to God in the highest!)

Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Glory, Glory! Alleluia! Alleluia!)

Sermon

For Everyone Born

Mr. Greg O'Connor
Conference Assistant
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Indiana UMC

THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Invitation to Holy Communion

One: The Gospel writers tell of our Risen Savior, who at table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

All: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

The Words of Institution

One: On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread. After giving thanks, you broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember me.

All: This is my body broken for you, and as you eat it, remember me.

One: On the night you were betrayed, you held the cup. After giving thanks, you lifted it up. "This is my life, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember me.

All: This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember me.

One: So, we thank you for the wine and for the bread. For we see the love you gave and the life that you shed.

All: And we remember your wondrous love. You have your body; you shed your blood. And we remember your wondrous love, you gave your Spirit to live in us.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray the prayer Christ has taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn during Communion

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

TFWS 2223

1 We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. R

Refrain
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will work with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each other. We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's
pride. R

3 We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
R

4 All praise to the Maker from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. R

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

****Closing Hymn**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS 2238

1 In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain
God of rainbow fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar.
We, your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

2 Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? R

3 As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams. R

4 We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions old and young,
each of gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. R

5 Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again. R

****Benediction**

Sending Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Announcements this Week

Tuesday, June 30; 9:30AM – Bibles & Bagels (West Side Park)

Wednesday, July 1; 6:30PM – Missions Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 2; 7:30AM – Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00AM – Woodcarvers and Crafters (Fellowship Hall)