



Marion United Methodist Church
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Welcome and Greeting

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Prayer for 2020

Eternal God, pour your Holy Spirit upon Marion United Methodist Church, the Marion community, and its people. Help us to see where you are leading. Help us to share in your vision for our congregation and community. Help us to be part of the making of disciples. Lead us in being your hands and feet in our community. In the name of Jesus, the holy one of God, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And will come again to judge the living 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.

Gloria Patri

*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. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

If you have a prayer concern you would like to share, please share it in the comments for the video.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory

During this time, we encourage you to use one of our online platforms to give a donation. This is an unusual time in the life of our church, and we ask you to please consider how you can continue to support the church financially.

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH 474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through
the storm, through the night, lead me on to
the light: Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord,
linger near, when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest
I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

Scripture

I Thessalonians 2:13-20

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you suffered the same things from your own compatriots as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out; they displease God and oppose everyone by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. Thus, they have constantly been filling up the measure of their sins; but God's wrath has overtaken them at last. As for us, brothers and sisters, when, for a short time, we were made orphans by being separated from you—in person, not in heart—we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, wanted to again and again—but Satan blocked our way. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? Yes, you are our glory and joy!

Sermon

"Soon and Very Soon!"

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Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care, and bids
me at my Father's throne make all my wants
and wishes known. In seasons of distress and
grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft
escaped the tempter's snare by thy return,
sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those
whose anxious spirits burn with strong
desires for thy return! With such I hasten to
to the place where God my Savior shows
his face, and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Benediction