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9:00am

Tune In: FM 89.7

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 *Be Thou My Vision* **UMH 451**

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| <p>1. Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> | <p>2. Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord; thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.</p> |
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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 Holy Spirit, born of 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

Scripture

Acts 8:31-39

He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Invitation to the Table

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

Confession and Pardon

ALL: *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.*

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

ALL: *Glory to God. Amen*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our living God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, God of all creation; Source of all mercies, fount of love beyond all measure...
...and with the whole company of heaven, we join the glad song of unceasing praise:

People: **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!**

Pastor: Holy are you, and be your name, gracious God,...

...we come in praise and thanksgiving with these gifts of your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here in Christ's name...

...Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor, glory, and blessing is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer**Hymn*****Great Is Thy Faithfulness*****UMH 140**

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| <p>1. Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Benediction