

May Memorial Baptist Church



*August 30, 2020
11:00 a.m.*

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Gathering Music	Carol Williams
Prelude <i>God of Grace</i>	Mary Ellen Balarzs arr. Paul Manz
Greeting/Staff Recognitions	Michael Edwards and Constance Deal
Solo <i>Come, Let us Reason</i>	Joan Maples Ken Medema
Call to Worship	Firda Family (on video)

We long for community and the Presence of God.

In whom we live and move and have our being.

This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone.

An Advocate, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth
will share our journey.

With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.

May the love of God be with you.

And the joy of Christ surround you.

May we know the presence of the Advocate
as we gather in this community of peace,
may Your Truth lead us to the path of discipleship
with deeds of bold mercy and courageous love.

As Easter people following the Risen Lord,

May the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

Violin Solo	Sophie Edwards
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The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Blessing of the Backpacks	Ashley Edwards
New Testament Lesson <i>John 14:15-21</i>	Juston Sanudo

Duet
Amazing Grace

Mary Ellen Balarzs and Selina Heslep
arr. Smith & Hustad

Sermon

Michael Edwards

The Community Responds to God's Word

Duet
All Night, All Day

Joan Maples and Juli Spoon
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Patsy Ford Simms

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

Joan Maples

MALOTTE, Albert Hay Malotte

The Community Departs for Ministry

Benediction

Michael Edwards

Benediction Response
Blest Be the Tie

Joan Maples
DENNIS, Johann G. Naegeli

Postlude
Fanfare

Mary Ellen Balarzs
Jacques Lemmens

Post Service Music

Carol Williams

Mary Ellen Balarzs, Organist
Ashley Edwards, Youth/Children's Minister
Joan Maples, Music Minister
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Announcements:

Wednesday Night Group Study

Bible study will resume with a new study on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

You can read the passages that we will focus on each week:

Wednesday, September 9 -- Matthew 9:35-10:8

"Sacrificing Ourselves for Others"

Wednesday, September 16 -- Matthew 10:24-39

"Solidarity with the Suffering"

Wednesday, September 23 -- Matthew 10:40-42

"Choosing a Braver Faith"

Wednesday, September 30 -- Genesis 24:34-67

"A Love that Makes Neighbors"

Team Sign up – The teams are forming for the 2020-2021 church year. Information sheets are available in the Commons and in the on-line *Newsletter* which detail what each team does. If you want to change teams, please let us know, otherwise we will keep you on the team you were on last year.

Sunday School on Zoom – Sunday School class has begun a series of lessons based on the early Christian church centered around the book *Resilient Faith: How the Early Christian "Third Way" Changed the World* by Gerald L. Sittser. The book can be purchased from Amazon. To join by any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259.

Lonesome Dove will be having a meal for veterans on September 5. Juli Spoon and Sandy Shelton are asking the church if anyone can bring salads. They are looking for salads, pasta salads and even fruit trays. If you can provide one, please drop it off at the church on Friday, September 4 between 5 and 8 p.m.