

May Memorial Baptist Church



*September 27, 2020
11:00 a.m.*

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude

Sandra Parker

Greeting/Announcements

Michael Edwards

Prayers of Confession

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession (in unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Solo

Les Miller

To the Work To the Work and We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Edwards

The Lord's Prayer

The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Scripture Reading

Billy Boelt

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the

vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Children’s Sermon

Ashley Edwards

Solo

Sandra Parker

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Sermon

Michael Edwards

The Community Responds to God’s Word

Solo

Sophie Edwards

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

The Community Departs for Ministry

* Congregational Benediction

Michael Edwards

Live simply
Love generously

Care deeply
Speak kindly

Pray daily

And...leave the rest to God.

* Postlude

Sandra Parker

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers are placed by Gerald and Gwen Hagen
in memory of Janice Hagen Mitchell.*

Announcements:

Wednesday Night Group Study on Zoom 6:30 p.m.

Kingdom Kids – The children are meeting by Zoom at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Formerly they met at 3:30, please note the time change. Details to connect are in Monday's *Newsletter*.

Sunday School on Zoom – at 9:15 a.m. the Sunday School class is continuing 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. To join by any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259.

Food Pantry Ministry – Saturday, October 3, 9:30 a.m. at the pantry.

Let Your "Dimmable Thirty-Year" Light So Shine – Lester Oberg is leading a project to replace the light bulbs in the sanctuary with dimmable thirty-year bulbs. The cost to replace all of the bulbs in one fixture is \$100. Would you be willing to pay for one fixture to have "dimmable thirty-year light?" If you are willing to let "the light so shine," write "thirty-year light" on the memo line of your check.

Blessing of the Animals -Sunday, Oct. 11

Join us at 2 p.m. on the front steps of the sanctuary with your pet! Bring a lawn chair if you like.

Lighthouse Parade - October 25

Join us as each family will make a cardboard box jack-o-lantern and we will "light" them. Kids will wear costumes and parade through Powhatan.

More information to follow.

Sound Crew Schedule: Sept. 27 Sophie Edwards, Oct. 4 David Deal, Oct. 11 Les Miller, Oct. 18 Karl Schmitz

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