**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**October 4, 2020**

GATHERING MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**1**The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

**2**“Meaningless! Meaningless!”  
    says the Teacher.  
“Utterly meaningless!  
    Everything is meaningless.”

**3**What do people gain from all their labors  
    at which they toil under the sun?  
**4**Generations come and generations go,  
    but the earth remains forever.  
**5**The sun rises and the sun sets,  
    and hurries back to where it rises.  
**6**The wind blows to the south  
    and turns to the north;  
round and round it goes,  
    ever returning on its course.  
**7**All streams flow into the sea,  
    yet the sea is never full.  
To the place the streams come from,  
    there they return again.  
**8**All things are wearisome,  
    more than one can say.  
The eye never has enough of seeing,  
    nor the ear its fill of hearing.  
**9**What has been will be again,  
    what has been done will be done again;  
    there is nothing new under the sun.  
**10**Is there anything of which one can say,  
    “Look! This is something new”?  
It was here already, long ago;  
    it was here before our time.  
**11**No one remembers the former generations,  
    and even those yet to come  
will not be remembered  
    by those who follow them.

SERMON Rev. Barry Male

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Ben Butler

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Ben Butler

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Ben Butler

SPECIAL MUSIC

BENEDICTION

The ushers will direct you out. Please follow their lead.

CLOSING MUSIC

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Presented for baptism today are:

* Timothy Owen Godfrey, son of Brad and Kaitlin Godfrey and baby brother of Wyatt and Ann Kirk
* Van Walker Sudduth, son of Dillon and Miranda Sudduth and grandson of Pat and Duff Sudduth

We celebrate new births!

* Lamar Kathleen Graham, daughter of Allison and Aaron Graham and granddaughter of Les and Sheila Jones, was born September 25.
* Walter Griffin Bass, son of Stephanie and Neil Bass and granddaughter of Karen and Cecil Harper, was born September 28.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Nell Atkinson, mother of Betty Ann Rea, who died September 25.

**NURSERY NOW AVAILABLE FOR WORSHIP**

* A nursery for 4-year olds and under is now available for in-person worship services
* Make a reservation for your child/children for the nursery as you make your worship service reservation for yourself.
* Deadline for nursery reservations is Friday at 6:00 p.m.

**KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!**

* **During the 11:00 a.m. service**
* Because of social distancing, there will be a maximum of 10 kids in each classroom.
* If you can help, please call Ms. Renee or email her at renee@madisonumc.org.

**DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION**

* TODAY from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
* Enter the parking lot through one of the west entrances (church office/sanctuary)
* Signs and people in the parking lot will lead you through the experience with Scripture readings, prayers, and Holy Communion. A digital bulletin will also be available on the church website

**MADISON UMC STAFFING NEEDS**

* Director of Buildings and Grounds, a full-time, salaried position
* Applications available in the church office or by contacting SPRC chair Vickie Graves at [vickie@amsmort.com](mailto:vickie@amsmort.com) or by phone at 601-942-7023.

**WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON**

* Adult small groups, Student Ministry, and Pastor’s Bible Study will resume in person on **October 7**
* Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will not yet resume Wednesday night fellowship suppers.
* We will not have KIDS programming but we will offer childcare for those attending studies on campus.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

* Every Tuesday night in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
* Due to COVID, our temporary time will be from 6:30-8:15 p.m. and we cannot have meals.
* Please contact Steve Potter ([steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)) to volunteer to be a greeter, to help with set-up, or to work the soundboard.
* Please invite people to this recovery program and feel free to visit the program to learn more about it.