

**First United Methodist Church of CMCH**  
**Online Worship Service, Sunday, January 3, 2021**

***“He Touched Me”***

*by Bill & Gloria Gaither*

Shackled by a heavy burden  
‘Neath a load of guilt and shame  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me  
And now I am no longer the same

He touched me, Oh, He touched me  
And oh, the joy that floods my soul  
Something happened and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole

Since I met this blessed Savior  
Since he cleansed and made me whole  
I will never cease to praise Him  
I’ll shout it while eternity rolls

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And oh, the joy that floods my soul  
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***The Apostle’s 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.

## ***“Just a Closer Walk”***

*by Linda Randle*

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to thee  
Let it be, dear lord, let it be

I am weak, but thou art strong  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to thee

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to thee  
Let it be, dear lord, let it be

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter, lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear lord, none but thee

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to thee  
Let it be, dear lord, let it be

## **Proverbs 4:20-27 (NRSV)**

- <sup>20</sup>My child, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.  
<sup>21</sup>Do not let them escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.  
<sup>22</sup>For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.  
<sup>23</sup>Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.  
<sup>24</sup>Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.  
<sup>25</sup>Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.  
<sup>26</sup>Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure.  
<sup>27</sup>Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

## **“The Great Thanksgiving”**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**