



Extravagant Woman

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 6, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Jane Shaffer

WELCOME

Rev. Jane Shaffer

Welcome to this time of gathering and worship. I am Jane Shaffer - a retired pastor and friend of the Whitney congregation. It is a privilege for me to gather with you and share in fellowship as we hear a story from the gospel that speaks of Jesus' love for all.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Rev. Jane Shaffer

Let us light a candle to help us remember God's holy and illuminating presence in this our worship and in every time and place.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Glenda Berto

We have come with expectation and anticipation.

We seek healing and hope in this sacred place.

We have gathered as faithful community.

It is here that we remember God's blessing.

Let us celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit

as come into God's presence with praise and prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

God of wondrous love, you have touched us with hope
and have never left us in despair.

You hold us close when we are hurt.

You comfort us when we are sad.

You encourage us when we are afraid.

God of wondrous love, touch us with holiness

as we worship so our souls are restored and our lives renewed. Amen.

SONG

Svetlana Maddox

On Eagle's Wings UMH #143

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And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun,

and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kimberly Gardner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Open our minds Spirit of wisdom

that we may understand your word spoken for and to each one of us.

Open our hearts to holy grace and love;

then open our hands to serve in Christ's holy name.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:6-13

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SERMON

“Extravagant Woman”

Rev. Jane Shaffer

SONG

Six Ways to Sunday (Band)

I Give You My Heart

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Verse

This is my desire
To honor You
Lord with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore is in You

Chorus

Lord I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for You alone
Every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord have Your way in me

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jane Shaffer

Gracious God, Wisdom and Compassion
You have named us and claimed us, calling us to live in faith and freedom,
You send us to move in a new direction, to reach out in your love,
To live always in hope, yet we are hesitant, resistant, uncertain.
But your power frees us to serve, to give, to become.
Guide us all, so we may spend our lives in service to others
With whom we can share the labours of peace and the works of justice.
Take our lives touch them with your grace
So that our giving and sharing are like sweet perfume poured out
in a fragrant blessing as we bring help and hope to others.
With grateful hearts we pray. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dewey Knowles

OFFERING

God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to tell the good news.
Let us claim our gifts and then share them,
reaching out to people with words of hope, songs of joy,
acts of love and deeds of mercy.
Our gifts given with generosity and compassion make a world of
difference.
Let us praise God with our offerings.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia, alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

OFFERING PRAYER

Spirit of the living God, you have blessed us with opportunity and
ability,
and have inspired us to live a new life.
We bring ourselves before you and offer what we have.
Accept our gifts, dedicate our words and our work,
and bless us for the sake of the Gospel and the transformation of the
world.
We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Saviour. Amen

CLOSING SONG

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The Gift of Love UMH #408

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Verse 1

Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

Verse 2

Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

Verse 3

Come Spirit come our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed

CELTIC BLESSING

Rev. Jane Shaffer

The blessing of the God of life be yours.
The blessing of the Christ of love be yours.
The blessing of the Spirit of peace be yours,
To heal, to cherish, to keep you holy
Now and always. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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After worship, you are invited to communion on Zoom. Bring your bread or crackers and juice or wine for blessing as we share these elements in Holy Communion. There's a link listed in the email you received with the information for this service. The new Zoom meeting number is displayed on your screen. We will gather about 10:45. You are also invited to join us on our Facebook group — Whitney United Methodist Church Group to chat about the service. You can join that online conversation anytime.

Our special farewell service for Rev. Christina is at 1 p.m. today. It will be an in-person, outside event hosted on the lawn at the church grounds. There's not a lot of shade at that time of the day, so plan ahead, wear a hat and comfortable clothing. Rev. Christina will speak to us and our District Superintendent Rev. Karen Hernandez will also be here. We ask everyone to wear masks and continue social distancing. Our Whitney rules *require* these precautions; and with Rev. Christina's potentially compromised immune system, we are continuing these protocols.

In-person worship begins next Sunday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. This will be in addition to our recorded online service. Masks and social distancing will be required. Services *will* be a bit different for a while. There can be no congregational singing, and no coffee hour. Seating capacity will be reduced due to distancing requirements. This will be a first step in being able to worship together, sharing prayers and love and laughter. It is important to understand that if you do not feel well, please stay home and watch the online service. And be assured that if you still aren't ready to participate during the in-person service, we will continue offering the online option now and into the future.

And now, may God be with us until we meet again.