

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
April 19, 2020
Holy Humor Sunday

GATHERING TIME

Music by *Bruce Gregory*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING LITANY

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

All: Then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

All: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

(Psalm 126 NRSV)

A SING ALONG

PRAYING IN HOPE

All: Gracious God, for some of us the restoration of joy is a clear memory, for others it's a present experience, and for many of us making our way through difficult days your beautiful movement in history is a distant yearning. Free us from despair and cynicism. Free us for hopeful participation in the songs of life that are being sung now.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: God restored Jesus to fullness of life so that you might have confidence that nothing can separate you from the power of God's love. Love is stronger than death. Let the peace of Christ dwell in you as you give and receive gifts of life.

A SING ALONG

Shared by Wilbur Cooper and Ruth Peca-Cooper

“How Great Thou Art” lyrics by Carl Boberg

PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Gathering Our Prayers

We share our Joys and Concerns, especially for –
Lou Andersen, Jeff Carpenter, Mike Chalker, Richard Chupp, Andy Clark,
Linda Getman, David Gouldin, Barbara Harvey, Glenn Hiser, Salena Joyner,
Danielle Kendrick, Tiernan Kriner, Bianca Podesta, Ron Reagan, Evy
Schroeder, Cindy Stanton, Brianna Stringfield,
Sharon & Ron Quakenbush, Joe, Daniel struggling with Covid-19, Kim,
and a young couple who lost their baby.

Surely the Presence

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see Glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

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

A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-32

(read by Ashley McKenna)

MEDITATION

SINGING OUR FAITH

Precious Lord Take My Hand

(words by Thomas Dorsey & Music by George Allen)

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:

Refrain:

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain:

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand

BENEDICTION

By Pastor Wheat & Jeffery Carpenter