

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
May 17, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME!

OPENING LITANY

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

All: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

All: and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

All: to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

All: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

From Psalm 92

SINGING OUR FAITH

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:4-14

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

(With many thanks to our youth!)

DEEPENING THE PRAYER JOURNEY

All: Gracious God, we live in a society that privatizes and attempts to commodify human desire. Spread your protection over us, guide us to release all that does not serve us as we seek you, restore in us a simple desire for you that can become the foundation for a healthy love of one another.

[Moment of Personal Prayer]

Hear the Good News: The love of God is for you. Jesus came for those who thought they were unworthy, for outsiders, for those who are marginalized by society. Let us take shelter together in the love of God.

SENDING OUR PRAYERS OUTWARD

Naming our Prayers

We share our Joys and Concerns, especially for –

Lou A, Jeff C, Mike C, Richard C, Andy C, Olga F, Linda G, David G, Barbara H, Glenn H, Salena J, Danielle K, Tiernan K, Bianca P, Ron R, Evy S, Cindy S, Brianna S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe, Daniel struggling with Covid-19, Kim

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

OFFERTORY

"O Rest in the Lord," by Felix Mendelssohn

soloist, Beth Duhr-Ramirez

MESSAGE "Holy Waiting, Hopeful Waiting"

SINGING OUR FAITH #2223

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that our unity will one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each one's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

BENEDICTION