

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
July 5, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME!

OPENING LITANY

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

All: a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

All: a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

All: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

All: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

From Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

SINGING OUR FAITH

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower;

In the seed, an apple tree;

In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter

There's a spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,

Seeking word and melody;

There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;

In our time, infinity;

In our doubt there is believing;

In our life, eternity,

In our death, a resurrection;

At the last, a victory,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

PRAYER OF BECOMING

All: Gracious God, you have invited us into the open secret of your love. Forgive us those times we have pursued other sources of security or allowed our souls to be distracted from you. Speak to us gently, forgive us gracefully, restore us joyfully.

(personal prayer time)

Hear the Good News: The starting chapter of God's love is complete in the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How the story unfolds in the chapter that is your life; that is up to the divine partnership of you, God, and the community of faith. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Gathering our Prayers

We share our Joys and Concerns, especially for –

Lou A, Deb B, Jeff C, Richard C, Andy C, Linda G, David G, Barbara H, Salena J, Danielle K, Tiernan K, Evy S, Cindy S, Brianna S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe, and Daniel struggling with Covid-19

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

THE MESSAGE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
"Planting Season"

by Rev. Beckie Sweet

BENEDICTION