

Tabernacle UMC
September 13, 2020

WELCOME!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since the beginning, God has been relentlessly pursuing us in love.

All: Though our faithfulness ebbs and flows, God's love endures forever.

Taking on flesh like ours, God became one with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

All: God lived and moved and ministered in the margins of power.

God incarnate was not what we expected. We did not recognize God in Jesus. Still, we struggle to recognize God with us.

All: And yet, God continues to dwell in our midst. Thanks be to God.

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SINGING OUR FAITH

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

1 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.

Refrain:

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.

2 Thro' 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.
(Refrain)

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
(Refrain)

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:12-24

YOUTH DRAMA

PRAYER OF RELEASE

All: Gracious God, help us to release our tensions as we breathe together in this time. What needs to be named and let go, we offer to you. Call us again by name. Surround us with your love.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: Christ came that we might know for sure that God loves us and find our ways into our responding to that love. Forgiveness is the practice that removes the impediments to the flow divine love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. May the peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathering our Prayers

Ongoing Requests:

Lou A, Deb B, Jeff C, Richard C, Matt F, Andy C, Linda G, David G, Barbara H,
Danielle K, Tiernan K, Evy S, Brianna S, Cindy S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe

This Week's Prayer Concerns & Joys

Ashley McKenna- Kathy is living with metastatic breast cancer and did not get good test results.

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

MESSAGE

SINGING OUR FAITH

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 all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land
(Chorus)

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 human dignity
And save human pride
(Chorus)

BENEDICTION