

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
January 24, 2021

WELCOME

A CENTERING THOUGHT
(Video from Smuggles & Dick)

A PSALM FOR THE SPIRIT

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

All: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

God utters God's voice, the earth melts.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations s/he has brought on the earth.

All: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

Our God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.

All: "Be still, and know that I am God!"

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

(Excerpted from Psalm 46 and slightly modified for liturgy)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"Donna Nobis Pachem"

SINGING TOGETHER

"Here I Am, Lord" #593 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

YOUTH DRAMA

RELEASING TRUTH, RECEIVING GRACE

All: Gracious and Holy God, we sometimes have a hard time staying present to the work of acknowledging harm we have done or that has been done to us. Accompany us as we search our hearts and seek to be fully truthful with you and each other. Let the flow of your healing grace move freely within us and our community.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: Jesus came for healing and liberation, not for religion. Your freedom as a human being to love and be loved is what our journey is all about. What needs to be forgiven, know that it is forgiven. May the Peace of Christ be with you.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

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

This Week's Requests:

From Michelle for her daughter who is struggling with covid-19.

From Ilona for her brother Ron to continue in his healing journey. He had a significant setback this week and is in need of our healing prayers.

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

The Disciples' Prayer Remix

Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.
May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.
May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth.

Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.
For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort and strength. Amen.

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A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

MESSAGE

“The First Widening of the Circle”

SINGING TOGETHER

“Draw the Circle Wide” #3154

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (x2)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (x2)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still, let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (x2)

CLOSING PRAYER

Written by Rev. Brolin Parker

BENEDICTION