

Worship Guide
Tabernacle United Methodist Church
6 June 2021

WELCOME!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: The firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

All: And night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;

All: Their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

All: And their words to the end of the world.

(from Psalm 19 NRSV)

SINGING OUR FAITH

This is a Day of New Beginnings (#383)

This is a day of new beginnings,

Time to remember and move on,

Time to believe what love is bringing,

Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,

God's mighty Spirit, now as then,

Can make for us a world of difference,

As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,

Step from the past and leave behind

Our disappointment, guilt and grieving,

Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

(See Insert)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood

Tabernacle Choir

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-37, 5:12-14

YOUTH DRAMA

PRAYER OF RETURNING & REST

All: Gracious God, in order to return we must first be humble enough to name the ways in which we have gone away. Grants us the secure love we need as we open ourselves to new insights, strive to enact healthier soul habits, and allow ourselves to rest in you.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: The Living God has come down from heaven to dwell among us. Even now God is knocking at the door ready to be part of our lives. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven. May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and our relationships!

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, Barbara G.

This Week's Requests:

Prayers for the loved ones of Teofilo Bawas, Lay Pastor

Prayers for Betty Stanton and others of our congregation who went through medical procedures this week

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

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
Focus your light within us – make it useful:

Create your reign of unity now -

Your one desire then acts with ours,

as in all light, so in all forms.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,

as we loose the strands we hold of others' guilt.

Don't let surface things delude us,

But free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all ruling will,

the power and the life to do,

the song that beautifies all,

from age to age it renews.

Truly – power to these statements – may they be the ground from which all my actions grow: Amen.

*“Prayers of the Cosmos: Reflections on the Original Meaning of Jesus's Words”
translated by Neil Douglas-Klotz*

A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

MESSAGE

SINGING OUR FAITH

They'll Know We Are Christians (#2223)

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 one's dignity and save each one's pride

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

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

BENEDICTION