

Worship Guide  
Tabernacle United Methodist Church  
27 June 2021



WELCOME!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**All: S/he makes me lie down in green pastures;**

s/he leads me beside still waters;

**All: s/he restores my soul.**

S/he leads me in right paths for her name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil;

**All: my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**All: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

*(Psalm 23 Adapted for worship from NRSV)*

SINGING OUR FAITH

O God Our Help in Ages Past #117

*O God, our help in ages past,*

*Our hope for years to come,*

*Our shelter from the stormy blast,*

*And our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of thy throne,*

*Still may we dwell secure;*

*Sufficient is thine arm alone,*

*And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,*

*Or earth received her frame,*

*From everlasting thou art God,*

*To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight*

*Are like an evening gone;*

*Short as the watch that ends the night*

*Before the rising sun.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Sung by Beth Duhr Ramirez

## PRAYERS OF PEACE & BECOMING

**All: Gracious God, for those times when we have allowed ourselves to be distracted from the living of our lives by other people's untrue narratives of who we should or shouldn't be, give us grace. Fill us with the light of your smile; guide us into our deepest truths.**

*[Moment of Prayerful Silence]*

Hear the Good News: Jesus came that we might be fully and joyfully alive in this moment. When you notice the stuck places in the flow of your joy, you can trust Christ with them. What needs to be let go, we release. 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, Barbara G.

### **This Week's Requests:**

Prayers for Mike Chalker who is in the midst of a health crisis.

### **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**

**All: Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

*from the New Zealand Prayer Book of the Anglican Church*

## CELEBRATION OF GIVING

### MESSAGE

Balancing on a Paradox: Tradition & Innovation

Rev. Harold Wheat

SINGING OUR FAITH

In the Midst of New Dimensions #2238

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
wandering in their separate ways?*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey,  
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each of gift in your creation, each a  
love song to be sung.*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey,  
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

BENEDICTION