

Worship Guide  
Tabernacle United Methodist Church

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**All: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

**All: and by night, but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy,

**All: enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

In you our ancestors trusted;

**All: they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and were saved;

**All: in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

(From Psalm 22 NRSV)

SINGING OUR FAITH

Cares Chorus #2215

*I cast all my cares upon You*

*I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet*

*And any time I don't know just what to do,*

*I will cast all my cares upon You.*

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Wounded World the Cries for Healing #2177 (vs1-2)

*Wounded world that cries for healing --*

*here we hold each other's pain,*

*wounded systems, bruised and bleeding*

*bear the load, the scars of strain;*

*dollars ration out compassion,*

*hard decisions rule the day,*

*Jesus of the healing Spirit,*

*free us to another way!*

*Through our nation's spent frustration,*

*through the corridors of stress*

*may there move a kindlier wisdom*

*all may feel, and all may bless;*

*tax and tithe are for a purpose*

*shared to shield the poor and weak:  
past the symptoms of our sickness  
let the voice of justice speak.*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"At the Feet of Jesus," poem by Langston Hughes, Music by Toy Harper, Arranged by Hall Johnson,  
Sung by Theresa Lee-Whiting

#### PRAYER OF BRAVE SILENCE & WARM REASSURANCE

"I Remember Now in Silence"

Written by Ted Loder

**Lord,**

**plunge me deep into a sense of sadness**

**at the pain of [siblings]**

**inflicted by war,**

**prejudice,**

**injustice,**

**indifference,**

**that I may learn again to cry as a child**

**until my tears baptize me**

**into a person who touches with care**

**those who I now touch with prayer:**

**victims of violence,**

**of greed,**

**of addictions;**

**prisoners in ghettos,**

**in old age,**

**in sexism;**

**people with broken bodies,**

**with broken hearts,**

**with broken lives,**

**whom I remember now in silence before you**

**because I have too often forgotten them**

**in the shuffle of my fretful busy-ness.**

***(From Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle)***

*(Prayerful Silence)*

Hear the Good News: For all who find ourselves without light and lost in the intensities of suffering as Jesus once did, dawn is coming. Resurrection is real. There is joy set before us by One who will not be denied. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven now. May the Peace of Christ be with you!

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

##### **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:**

## **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 [Mother]/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 Why, Lord?

Rev. Harold Wheat

### SINGING OUR FAITH

Do, Lord, Remember Me #527

*Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;*

*Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;*

*Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord, remember me;*

*singing do, Lord, remember me.*

*When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me;*

*When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me;*

*When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me;*

*singing do, Lord, remember me.*

*I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun;*

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*I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun;*

*singing do, Lord, remember me.*

## BENEDICTION