

Worship Guide
Tabernacle United Methodist Church
September 19, 2021

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come into this house

All: to practice loving God with whole hearts, engaged minds, and souls that are larger than we imagined.

We have come into this community

All: to practice loving one another, seeing the best in each other, bearing with and forgiving each other.

This is our worship.

All: So be it.

Amen.

SINGING OUR FAITH

Crown Him With Many Crowns #327

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SEARCHING OUR HEARTS IN LOVE

All: Gracious God, you have searched us and you have known us. Today we ask you to show us a little more clearly the patterns of our behavior that need loving attention and growth. Reveal us to ourselves, hold us, reassure us of your love, and help us to imagine healthier patterns of being.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: God has chosen to walk closely with us and even to dwell within us so that we may feel the rhythms of heavenly joy for ourselves. Let us forgive and release any brokenness that impedes the flow of God's love in our lives. 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 prayer 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

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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CELEBRATION OF GIVING

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:7-10

MESSAGE

Rev. Harold Wheat

SINGING OUR FAITH

Shall We Gather at the River #723 (vs 1, 4)

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

BENEDICTION