

Worship Guide  
**Tabernacle United Methodist Church**  
*November 28, 2021*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Even in this electronic age, word of mouth is still the best communication strategy.

**All: We come to hear about the coming birth of divinity in our hurting world.**

Listen carefully, God is doing a new thing.

**All: Lean in, Love is going to find a way.**

Hope with us.

**All: Hope with us that Love will find a way.**

Hope, and spread the news that there is hope!

CANDLE LIGHTING

*Isaiah 40:3-11*

SINGING OUR FAITH

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206**

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God sent the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

In Him, there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**#384 (vs1-2)**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Words by Frances R. Havergal, music by Henri A. C. Malan.

Sung by Beth Duhr-Ramirez

**PRAYER**

**All: Gracious Loving God, the oppression of the world has impacted us. Some of us have woken into a painful awareness of a way in which we have been benefitting from harmful systems. Others have been discouraged to find the voice of the oppressor living within us, keeping us small. We need to speak the truth of what we’ve witnessed; we need to know we can trust in your gentle grace to free us.**

*(Personal Prayer Time)*

Hear the Good News: In the name of Jesus, all oppressions shall cease. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven. May the peace that passes all understanding 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.

*From the Enfleshed Liturgy Library*

## CELEBRATION OF GIVING

### SCRIPTURE

*John 1:6-10*

### MESSAGE

Rev. Harold Wheat

### SINGING OUR FAITH

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384 (vs3-4)**

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### BENEDICTION