

Worship Guide  
**Tabernacle United Methodist Church**  
*January 16, 2022*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The footsteps lead to a place where footsteps disappear;

**All: We are in the wilderness.**

We will be here until we learn about the wildness that has always been within us:

**All: Until our God who has never been tamed, visits us.**

We are children of the Living God.

**All: Who is able to lead us when the path disappears under our feet.**

Who is able to bring us peace when we realize our maps of reality no longer make sense.

**All: We are children of the Living God.**

SINGING OUR FAITH

**Lift Every Voice and Sing #519**

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod  
Bitter the chastening rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died  
Yet with a steady beat  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years  
God of our silent tears  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way  
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand  
May we forever stand  
True to our God  
True to our native land

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Presence of God," by Jay Althouse  
Sung by the Tabernacle Choir

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### RELEASING IMPEDIMENTS TO LOVE

**All: Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to show us our next steps through unexpected places. Help us release both our wounds and our mistakes into your care that we might re-imagine our capacity to love in the light of your grace.**

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the good news: Our God believes in us. Even when we are lost in false identities and have stopped believing in our capacity for great love, God has never stopped having hope for us, will never stop loving us, and has prepared grace after grace for us. 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, Tiernan K, Evy S, Cindy S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe, Barbara G.

**Sharing our praises and petitions:** Please continue your prayers for Ruth Morenus. Please be in prayer for our Binghamton community and especially for one of our Tabernacle families whose child was present and witnessed last week's shooting attack on a high school student. Let us also continue to pray for all who are grieving during this difficult season.

#### **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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-13

MESSAGE

Rev. Harold Wheat

SINGING OUR FAITH

**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** #2112

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
He had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;  
He had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley;  
We have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;  
We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial;  
You have to stand it by yourself.  
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;  
You have to stand it by yourself.

BENEDICTION