

Worship Guide  
**Tabernacle United Methodist Church**  
*January 23, 2022*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious Spirit of Love, some of us are having a hard time today;

**All: Some within the circle of relationship of this church are struggling.**

Stretch out your hand, Faithful One!

**All: Reach out to those who feel trapped, those who are hungry, your children in need of compassion;**

We offer our hands and hearts as vessels to carry your love to one another.

**All: May it be so.**

Amen.

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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #133**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:*

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*(Refrain)*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*(Refrain)*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood  
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:**

##### **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 #3068**

Our Father, which 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
Amen. Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF GIVING

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9-13

### MESSAGE

Rev. Harold Wheat

### SINGING OUR FAITH

#### **Let All Things Now Living #2008**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

## BENEDICTION