



Worship Guide
Tabernacle UMC
19 June 2022

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world that so boringly,

so violently,
so stubbornly insists
on its stale and narrow gender rules and regulations,
All: God Themselves is a state of constant transition.

Though many try to tame Their wild,
make Them into the image of power,
and fix Them permanently to one static being,
All: They are change in a world that loves control.
They take our attempts at definitions and confuse them.
They trouble our most basic assumptions –
about ourselves, the earth, each other.

God, unwilling to stick to a single form for our comfortable comprehension.
Incapable of making Themselves so flat.

All: Their names are always changing.
They are a multitude of incarnations.
All: Our Deliverer from the status quo.
Our Liberator from ordinary logics of power.

All: Our Invitation to live into the abundance of possibilities within and around us.

*(Adapted for Worship from the
Enfleshed Liturgy Library)*

OPENING SONG

We Shall Overcome #533 (vs1-4)

We shall overcome (x3)

*O, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome one day!*

We'll walk hand in hand...

We shall all be free...

We shall live in peace...

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tabernacle Choir

"Find A Home Here" by Mary-Ellen Kish

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

All: Gracious God, the work of sorting out what new growth is to be nurtured from that which needs pruning or weeding out is one of the gifts of being human. Forgive us both individually and as an institution for the times we have attempted to play gardener without invitation in lives other than our own. As we sincerely seek you, restore in us a confidence in our calling to love and be loved.

[Silent Prayer Time]

Hear the Good News: God loves you. There is enough love flowing now, here, for us to have the soul-strength to forgive, and be forgiven. There is enough divine grace moving among us for you and me to accept ourselves and learn to nurture with love the human within us.

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

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 enfleshed 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 READING

John 3:16

TESTIMONY

SINGING OUR FAITH

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #2120 (vs 1,3,4)

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions, your people arise.*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

BENEDICTION