



Twin Towers United Methodist Church

Worship Celebration

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Before you begin your time of worship, find a comfortable place to be and gather whatever you might need: your Bible, something to write on and with, your computer/connected device (if you intend to listen to music online), etc. Feel free to adapt this worship guide in any way that makes best sense to you and those you might be gathered with. (Consider inviting someone – a friend, a family member – to worship with you.) Commit to spending the next hour with God.

PRELUDE – Listen and sing along to a song or hymn that blesses and centers your spirit!

OPENING HYMN – “My Hope is Built” UMH #368
Due to technical matters, we do not have song recordings for this worship service.

OPENING PRAYER - Listen [here](#) for the Opening Prayer.

Let us join our hearts and spirits in prayer.

God of justice, in your wisdom, you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 10:34-35 and Revelation 7:9 (NKJV)

Acts 10:34-35: Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.³⁵ But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

Revelation 7:9: After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

HYMN of RESPONSE – “Lift Every Voice and Sing” UMH #519
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LISTEN – Sermon– *You can listen to the sermon from Micheal Pope [here](#).*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE – *Spend time in prayer. What did you hear for yourself through today’s scripture and reflection? Talk to God about it. Then lift up the joys and concerns that are in your heart. You might write them down, speak them aloud, or pray for them in silence.*

We would be honored to pray with you and for you.

Please send a note via text, mail, or email or give a call to our Healing Prayer Team.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

How might you offer yourself and all that you have to God this week? How are you being invited to practice generosity? Spend a moment listening for God’s direction.

You are invited to contribute financially towards the purpose and ministry of TTUMC. We are a congregation committed to being conduits of God’s healing in our neighborhood and beyond, and in so doing, impact the last and the least. You can contribute by mailing in a check, dropping off cash, or giving online (visit www.twintowersumc.org).

CLOSING HYMN – “Walking in the Light of God” Worship & Song #3163
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BENEDICTION

NOW GO AND PASS CHRIST’S PEACE!

Please make note of the following updates and invitations:

Combined Ash Wednesday Service with Embrace – The recording of the livestream combined Ash Wednesday Service with Embrace is available [here](#).

Lent Book Study on the Gospel of Luke Beginning Monday, 2/27/23 – You are invited to join Deacon Judith for a six-week book study on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please register at the link available by clicking [here](#). The book is "*LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*" by Adam Hamilton. Please order your book and join us.

Gospel of Luke 40-Day Reading Plan – You are invited to join in reading the Gospel of Luke as part of your Lenten practice this year which each Sunday’s message will be based, as well as the book study. The 40-day Gospel of Luke reading plan is available [here](#).

Dine & Connect – Volunteers needed on Monday, 3/6/23, 12pm-3pm Cooking & Plating; 4pm-5:30pm Serving & Cleaning Up. We serve the first Monday of each month, where we will be preparing and serving 145 dinners. If you can help on 3/6/2023, please click [here](#) for more information and please sign up.

Midway Shelter Needs Our Help – We support Midway Shelter, the only women and children shelter operating in Alameda, by providing 30 meals twice a month (2nd Tuesday and 4th Wednesday of each month). Donors can participate as financial donors or as meal preparers. To participate, please complete the information by clicking [here](#) and we will contact you. We can really use more help with this critical ministry. Thank you!

Alameda Warming Shelter – The shelter is currently open 7 nights—and days—a week through April 2023 and need volunteers in two areas. First, to staff days in two shifts: 8 am – 12 pm and 12 – 4 pm; with 2 people per shift. There is coverage for evenings and nights (by paid staff from the Housing Coalition of the East Bay and the Village of Love). Second area where help is needed is by providing dinners and breakfasts. If you are able to volunteer for either of the shifts available through the end of March 2023, please sign-up by clicking [here](#). If you would like to provide dinners or breakfasts, please sign-up by clicking [here](#). The Warming Shelter is hosted at Christ Episcopal, 1700 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda., entering via the parking lot on Grand Street. To learn more, contact 510-832-1382 x123, warmingcenter@hceb.org, or Christ Church at stephen@christchurchalameda.org.

Need help with groceries – If you or you know of anyone who needs help with groceries once a week or once a month, the Alameda Food Bank has a Community Market available for individuals who live or work in the City of Alameda. Please click [here](#) for the QR code and for more information.