



# WORSHIP AT TAHLEQUAH UMC

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**Worship for September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**15th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Welcome to Tahlequah United Methodist Church**

**Rev. Matt Franks**

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Let us know in the comments line that you have joined us in worship.

To prepare for worship today, we invite you to light a candle, grab your Bible and some paper to take notes, and invite the Holy Spirit into your space. Now is the time to worship!

**Hymn of Welcome**

**If You Believe and I Believe**

**W&S 3121**

If you believe and I believe And we together pray, The Holy Spirit must come down  
And set God's people free, And set God's people free, And set God's people free;  
The Holy Spirit must come down And set God's people free.

**Call to Worship**

**Liturgist**

Liturgist: Sing of God's mercy and grace. **All: Sing of God's strength and might.**

Liturgist: Praise God with laughter and joy. **All: Praise God with feasting and dance.**

Liturgist: For God protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

**All: God brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**

Liturgist: Sing of God's mercy and grace. **All: Sing of God's strength and might.**

**Hymn of Response**

**Hymn of Promise**

**UMH 707**

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life,  
eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

**The Epistle Reading Romans 14:1-12**

**Rev. Shana Dry**

**Hymn of Response**

**Give Me Jesus**

**W&S 3140**

1 In the morning, when I rise,  
in the morning, when I rise,  
in the morning, when I rise,  
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

4. Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

**Refrain:**

Give me Jesus. give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world,  
give me Jesus.

## We Offer Our Prayers Together

### A Litany for Forgiving The Theology and Actions of Our Pasts

**Many Voices**

Pastor Matt: Merciful God of second chances, For the privilege of being a beneficiary and benefactor of grace, Moment by moment, intention by intention, **All: We give you our gratitude.**

Pastor Shana: For holy self-love and acceptance, For wellness, self-forgiveness, and authenticity, For wisdom and strength to confront with Light the dark corners of our pasts, For the courage to name and reject the bad theology that causes division among those who love, worship, believe, or think differently than we do, **All: We give you our gratitude.**

Liturgist: For hands and feet to serve the poor and marginalized, For hearts to show the boundlessness of agape love, for eyes to see the needs of our elderly, widowed, parentless, incarcerated, and brokenhearted, for open minds to welcome a broader way of accepting the holiness of our collective scars, **All: We give you our gratitude.**

Judy: With humility that serves as genuinely as you have served, with zeal of spirit for the fulfillment of purpose, with laughter and dancing that declares resistance to oppressive and counterproductive evil, with music and meaningful conversation that highlights your infinite goodness, **All: We worship you collective with our gifts.**

Pastor Shana: with restorative justice initiatives that improve our quality of life, with actions that honor you as a liberating, loving, forbearing, accepting, nurturing Spirit, with words that bring life, light and love into ourselves, our families, our communities, and our nations, with arms that open to those who seek refuge within our borders and to our neighbors we so often overlook, **All: We worship you collective with our gifts**

Pastor Matt: With us of our personal truths and stories as testimonials to your transformative power, with empathetic ears to lean in and listen, instead of listing with an eagerness to respond, with special time set aside to care for ourselves through rest, reflection and recharging, with families we were born into and with friends-turned-family and all other definitions of family.

**All: We worship you, Spirit God, with gratitude and collectively with our gifts, Use us—in spite of us, because of us, --with great love for us and others. Amen.**

### Today we pray for....

**Rev. Shana Dry**

The Pastor will lift any prayers that have been made known to the office. You can submit a prayer request by going to <http://www.tahlequahumc.org/prayerrequest/> After each request the pastor will respond with Lord, Hear this prayer.

Please lift up the following names in prayer: The United Methodist Church, Our Bishop Jimmy Nunn, and Our District Superintendent: Rev. Terry Koehn, Our Pastors Matt Franks and Shana Dry, The NSU Wesley Foundation, Our Little Sprouts Preschool, All of our Local Schools, All of our Health Care Workers, Our Teachers, Support Staffs, and School Administration, All of those on the Front lines helping in the midst of the pandemic. All our Assisted Living Church Members.

Names given to the office for prayer: Pat & Don Brock, Barbara Chambers, Maddie Cochran, Shana Dry, Duffy Dry, Drucilla Hackworth, The Kavanaghs, Sandi Lanham, Ellen Mathews, Paula & Lee Rippetoe, Louene and Bob Scarsdale, Don Stucky, Monika Mann, John & Debbie Jensen, The Prewitt Family, Cleo Hixon, Peggy Cotton, Steve & Cindy Ullom, Pat Bushyhead, Pat and Vera Freeman, Kristen Brown, David Morrison, Kyle Rozell,

Our Military: Robert Isaacson, Dee Mayne Bullock Seminary Student: Cody Robinson

### Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer can be found on the UMH 895

**Rev. Shana Dry**

ALL: Our 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Musical Prayer

### Jesus, Remember Me

**UMH 488**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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## We Make Our Offering Together

**Mission Moment**

**Rev. Matt Franks**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Liturgist**

All: Patient Lord, you amaze us each day with your ability to forgive our many sins. You display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Help us to be stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. Multiply the span of these ministries to reach people in new ways. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ. Amen. (~from: David S. Bell)

**Hymn of Response**    **Glory Be To The Father**

**UMH 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## We Hear The Word Proclaim

Seven Times? By Rev. Matthew D. Franks

Scripture Base: Matthew 18:21-35 (Common English Bible)

## We Respond To The Word

**Sermon Notes**


**Hymn of Response:**    **Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

**UMH 348**

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

## We Are Sent Out To Serve

**Announcements**

**by Rev. Matt Franks**

Check our Connect, Serve and Grow for all the upcoming info.

**Benediction**

**Rev. Shana Dry**

Leader: As you logoff from worship, plunge into the waters of life unafraid, for God goes with us. Move forward in life with purpose and passion, for Christ is our guide and guardian. Live as people of powerful hope, for the Spirit renews us each and every day. Logoff with God's blessing.

**Closing Chorus**

**Rule of Life**

**W&S 3117**

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

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### Sources for Worship

- Call To Worship for September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 by B.J. Beu found in *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*.
- A Litany for Forgiving The Theology and Actions of Our Past by Nikki Roberts in *Rally: Communal Prayers For Lovers of Jesus And Justice*.

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