

Tulare United Church
January 10, 2021 11:30am

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: The journey of faith is a journey through life. We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way. We sojourn on the pathway of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks that led them.

ALL: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way, the road seems different.

Pastor: Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes of a history yet to be made. We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

ALL: As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way. We can tell them of our questions, but the answers must come from within their own hearts.

Pastor: We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch with its leaves about to blossom.

ALL: Let us make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family too. Let us worship God together.

Morning Prayer (together) (by Lysa Terkeurst)

Great God, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions and keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity . . . rather than a personal inconvenience. May I realize what a gift it is to sit with you like this. Amen. *Silent Prayers*

Baptism of *Kaycee Marie Stoner*

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. What promises do you make to Kaycee as she lives and grows in relationship with God?

ALL: We promise to give Kaycee our support as she lives and grows in the pathway of Christ. We offer ourselves to Kaycee as people willing to bring all people into our love, our prayers, our very lives, as we strive to build a community rich in the Spirit and grace of God.

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* Tammy Nowell
(recorded)

Affirmation of Faith

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation of *Carter John Binger, Mason Leo Bottum,
Riley David Fliehe, Jacob John Michlitsch*

Statements of Faith and Blessings

Question about Participation for those choosing to be members at Tulare United Church

Pastor: Let us, the friends and members of Tulare United Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.

Benediction

I Was There To Hear Your Borneing Cry

I was there to hear your borneing cry
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well,
in a blaze of light you wandered off to
find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

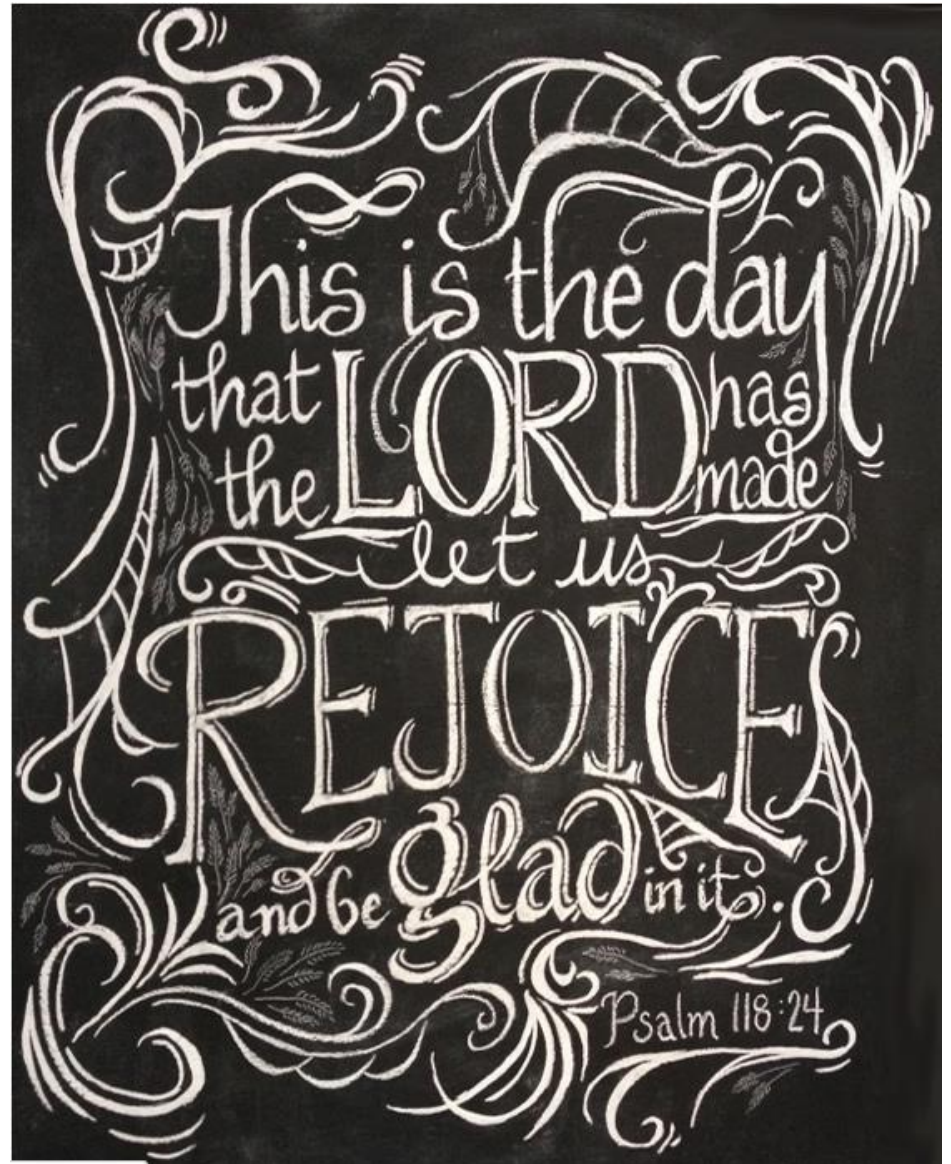
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borneing cry
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