

The liturgical color is green for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Janet Linker  
Amy Bender, organ

**WELCOME** Karen Scott, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, when we suffer we want relief. We want it to stop.

**God's answer is not to remove suffering, but to redeem it.**

Lord, when we suffer we want understanding. We want to know why.

**God's answer is not to explain suffering, but to grant the strength to bear it.**

Lord, when we suffer we want control. We want power over our pain.

**God's answer is not control, but presence. God's answer is the cross and the resurrection. Even in suffering God is with us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH 577

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**ANTHEM 9:00** "Peace Like a River" Setting by Joel Raney  
Judy Elias, flute

**11:00** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE** John 14:15-19, p. 764

**BAPTISM 9:00** *Rayland Fetch* UMH 39  
Child of Allie & Joe Fetch

**HYMN OF BAPTISM** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" TFWS 2051

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**FAITH IN ACTION**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY 9:00** "As the Deer" Setting by Joel Raney

**11:00** "Open Prayer" Pepper Choplin

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING** "Be Still, My Soul" UMH 534

**SCRIPTURE** John 9:1-3, p. 758

**MESSAGE** "Doubt & Faith VI: Why do the Innocent Suffer?"  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

**HYMN OF MISSION** "Stand By Me" UMH 512

Hymn History: The words and music to this hymn were written by Charles Albert Tindley. Known as the "Grandfather of Gospel Music, Tindley wrote 47 hymns. His hymn, "I'll Overcome Someday" is credited with being the basis for the Civil Rights anthem "We Shall Overcome". Born a free African-American in Berlin, Maryland in 1851, Tindley saw the hardships that slaves endured prior to the Civil War. Unable to go to school, he learned to read by mouthing the letters and eventually the words from pieces of paper. He later learned Hebrew and Greek. He passed the exam for ordination to become a Methodist Deacon in 1887. He became an Elder in 1889. He served at various churches until 1902 when he was appointed as pastor of the Bainbridge Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. This was the same church he had worked at as a janitor in the 1880s. Today the church is known as the Tindley Temple United Methodist Church. Rev. Tindley died in Philadelphia in 1933.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE**

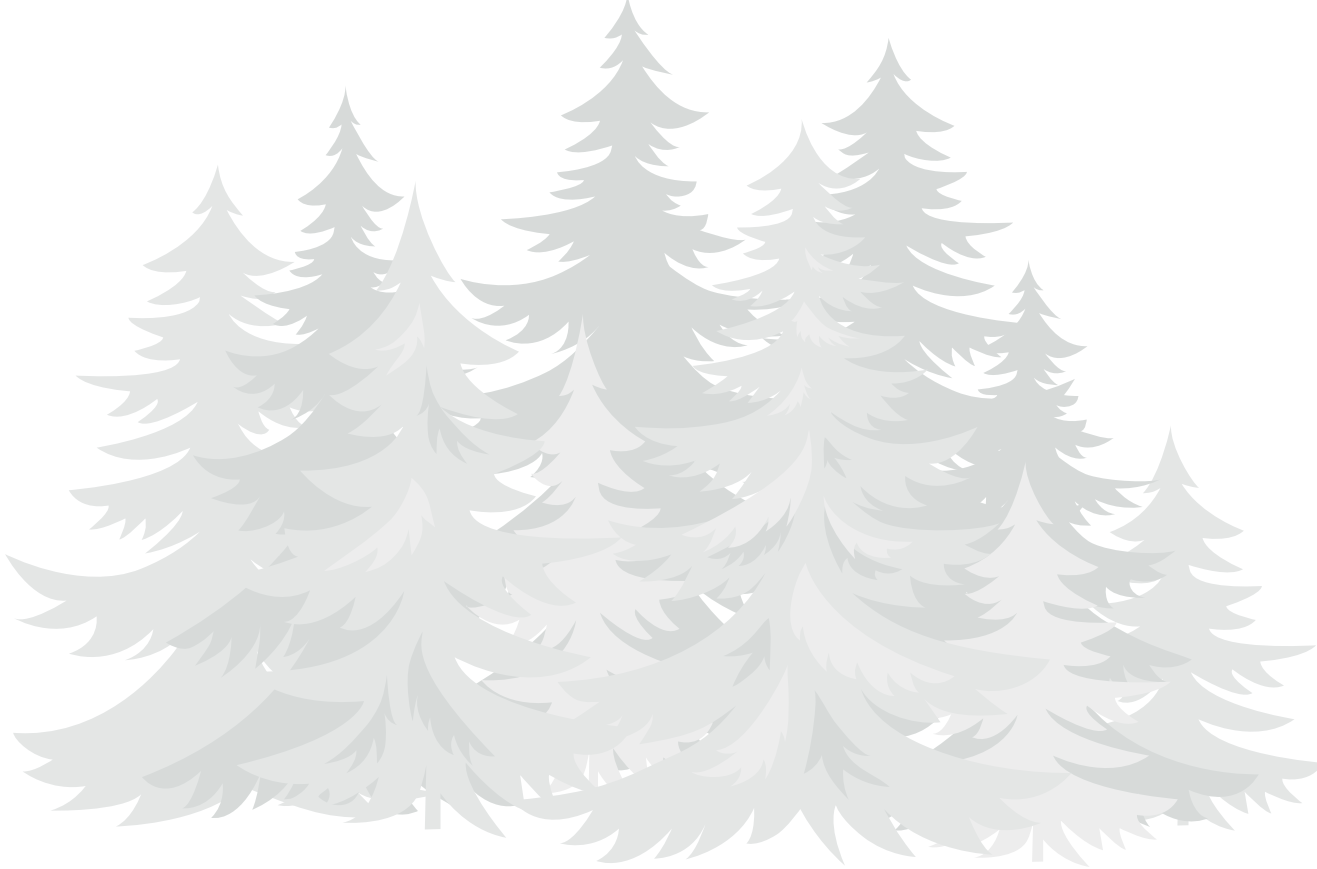
"Epilogue"

Lani Smith

*Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance  
from Adam Hamilton worship resources for this series*

• Altar Flowers are presented by Sally Carr  
In Loving Memory of parents, Cecil O. and Margaret Sprague  
•  
*For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

WRESTLING WITH  
**DOUBT**  
FINDING FAITH



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October 13, 2024

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