

January 17, 2021

9:30AM



Human Relations Sunday

Where Can I Go?

Scottsdale United Methodist Church

...becoming a Christ-led community.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

GREETING

WE ENTER

We enter into a time and spirit of worship.

OPENING

God Is Holding Your Life

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist: Dear and Near God,
you never leave our side.
Open us this day to feeling and knowing your presence deep in our hearts
so that we might show forth love with the same confidence,
offering your reign of right relationship on earth as it is in heaven.

People: **We praise you for your close attention,
holding our lives together in care.
Amen.**

HYMN:

Now Thank We All Our God

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WE PROCLAIM

We hear and receive God's word of hope proclaimed.

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 139:1-18

THE WITNESS OF MUSIC

REFLECTION

Rev. Ann Lyter

TESTIMONY

Ellen Bloom

WE RESPOND

We respond to God's love for us

MUSICAL RESPONSE

God is Holding Your Life

**God is holding your life, God is holding your life
God is holding your life, we believe (repeat)**

“SELAH” MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

People: **God of Justice, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

People: **Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...

People: Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

People: Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who live in comfort,
for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

People: Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy and Living One,
For those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,

People: hear our prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”

[sung]

**Put peace into each other’s hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other’s hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God’s creation.**

THE PEACE

Pastor:: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

[after a moment, continue with this verse]

**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands
held out in trust and blessing.**

**Where words fall short let hands speak out;
the heights of love expressing.**

OFFERING AND OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND

WE GO FORTH

*We take the message of God’s care and love into the world
knowing you are held in the palm of God’s hand.*

HYMN: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (vs. 1-3)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPIPHONY WORSHIP SERIES: “God Is Holding Your Life”

Just as Pastor Ann’s mom, Sandy Lyter, provided a witness to God, you too can be part of this worship series by sharing your stories of how God has held you, where you have encountered God and felt God surround you, even in this dark time. It could be something recent, something that has grown over time, or a story from any time in your life journey with and to God. You can send your stories to pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org. Those who are willing may even have the chance to share their stories with the congregation by recording their story so it can be included in worship in your own words and voice.

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY: January 17, 2021

One of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, Human Relations Day give us an opportunity to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don’t have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. During the challenges of the past year, we have seen how systemic inequality affects the most vulnerable people. When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have less access to community resources, as a denomination, we can do so much more together than we could ever do on our own. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. As society begins to recover from this health and financial crisis, these programs are vital in strengthening communities that are most impacted. Please write your check to your local church with “HRD” written on the memo line and place it in the offering basket. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to UMC.org/SSGive.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: You can give your tithes and offerings online through our website www.scottsdaleumc.org or mail them to SUMC, 4140 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85251.