

**Welcome to the  
Salinas  
First United  
Methodist Church**

**10:00 AM Service**

**January 16, 2022**

# Words to Reflect Upon

"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our souls when we look the other way."

(Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)



# Gathering Hymns

*We Shall  
Overcome  
(Verses 1-3)*

UMH #533

*We Shall Overcome*

*We shall overcome, we shall  
overcome,  
we shall overcome someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do  
believe  
we shall overcome someday!*

*We Shall Overcome*

*We'll walk hand in hand, we'll  
walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand  
someday!*

*Oh, deep in my heart I do  
believe we'll walk hand in hand  
someday!*

*We Shall Overcome*

*We shall all be free, we shall all  
be free,*

*we shall all be free someday!*

*Oh, deep in my heart I do  
believe*

*we shall all be free someday!*



# Gathering Hymns

*Bring Forth the  
Kingdom*

FWS #2190

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***You are salt for the earth, O  
people:***

***Salt for the Kingdom of God!***

***Share the flavor of life, O  
people:***

***life in the Kingdom of God!***



*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
mercy,***

***bring forth the Kingdom of  
peace.***

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
justice,***

***bring forth the City of God!***

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***You are a light on the hill, O  
people:***

***Light for the City of God!***

***Shine so holy and bright, O  
people:***

***Shine for the Kingdom of God!***

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
mercy,***

***bring forth the Kingdom of  
peace.***

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
justice,***

***bring forth the City of God!***

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***You are a seed of the Word, O  
people:***

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
God!***

***Seeds of mercy and seeds of  
justice,***

***grow in the Kingdom of God!***

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
mercy,***

***bring forth the Kingdom of  
peace.***

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
justice,***

***bring forth the City of God!***

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***We are a blest and a pilgrim  
people:***

***Bound for the Kingdom of God!***

***Love our journey and love our  
homeland:***

***Love is the Kingdom of God!***

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
mercy,***

***bring forth the Kingdom of  
peace.***

***Bring forth the Kingdom of  
justice,***

***bring forth the City of God!***



# Gathering Hymns

*I Have a  
Dream*

W&S #3127



*“I have a dream”, a man once said,  
“where all is perfect peace;  
where men and women, black and  
white,  
stand hand in hand, and all unite  
in freedom and in love.”*

*I Have a Dream W&S #3127*

***But in this world of bitter strife  
the dream can often fade;  
reality seems dark as night,  
we catch but glimpses of the light  
Christ sheds on humankind.***

*I Have a Dream W&S #3127*

***Fierce persecution, war, and hate  
are raging everywhere;  
God calls us now to pay the price  
through struggles and through  
sacrifice  
of standing for the right.***

*I Have a Dream W&S #3127*

***So dream the dreams and sing the  
songs,  
but never be content:  
for thoughts and words don't ease  
the pain:  
unless there's action, all is vain;  
faith proves itself in deeds.***

*I Have a Dream W&S #3127*

***Lord, give us vision, make us  
strong,  
help us to do your will;  
don't let us rest until we see  
your love throughout humanity  
uniting us in peace.***

**Welcome  
and  
Announcements**

# Call to Worship

**L: No matter how far we  
wander from you, O God,**

**P: your steadfast love finds  
us.**

# Call to Worship

**L: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,**

**P: your steadfast**

**righteousness sustains us.**



# Call to Worship

**L: No matter how vulnerable  
our lives seem to us, O God,**

**P: your steadfast presence  
gives us hope.**

# Call to Worship

**L: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,**

**P: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

**Thanks be to God!**

# Opening Prayer

***God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others.***

# Opening Prayer

***In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. Amen.***

# Opening Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise  
(Verses 1-3)*

UMH #103

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our  
eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great  
name we praise.***

***Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou  
rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high  
soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of  
goodness and love.***

***To all, life thou givest, to both  
great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of  
all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves  
on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught  
changeth thee.***



# Prayer for Illumination

*Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.*

*Amen.*

Thy Word Is A Lamp

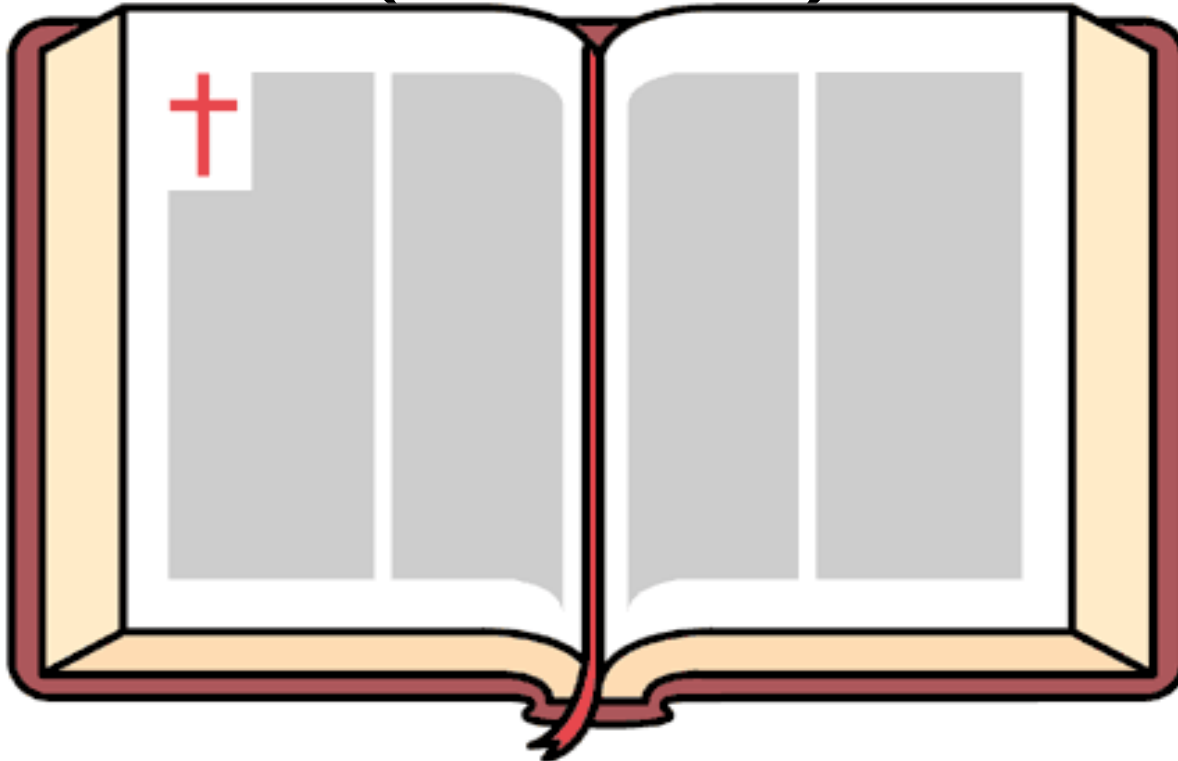
**Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet  
And A Light Unto My Path**

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# Scripture:

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5

(CEB)



For Zion's sake I won't keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I won't  
sit still  
until her righteousness shines out  
like a light,  
and her salvation blazes like a  
torch.

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5 (CEB)

Nations will see your righteousness,  
all kings your glory.

You will be called by a new name,  
which the Lord's own mouth will  
determine.

You will be a splendid garland in the  
Lord's hand,  
a royal turban in the palm of  
God's hand.

You will no longer be called

Abandoned,

and your land will no longer be  
called Deserted.

Instead, you will be called My

Delight Is in Her,

and your land, Married.

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5 (CEB)

Because the Lord delights in you,  
your land will be cared for once  
again.

As a young man marries a young  
woman,

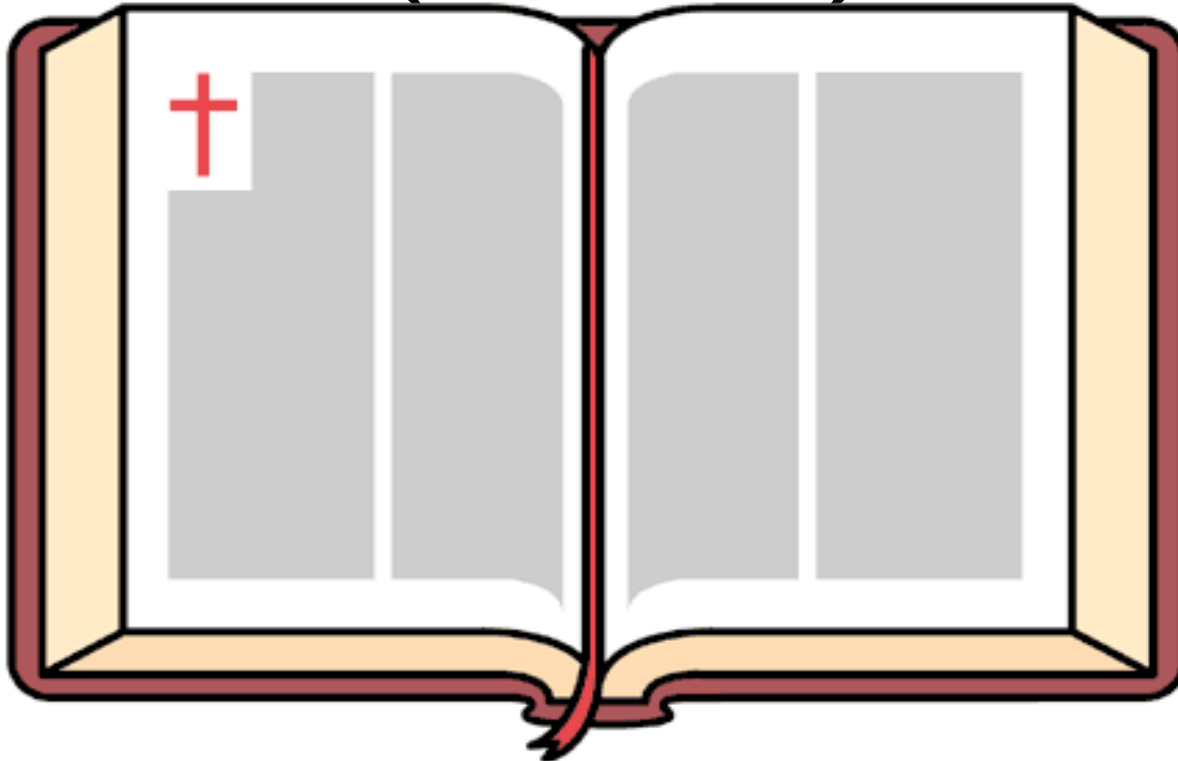
so your sons will marry you.

With the joy of a bridegroom  
because of his bride, so your God  
will rejoice because of you.

# Scripture:

Psalm 36: 5 - 10

(CEB)





But your loyal love, Lord, extends to  
the skies;

your faithfulness reaches the  
clouds.

Your righteousness is like the  
strongest mountains;

your justice is like the deepest  
sea.

Psalm 36: 5 – 10 (CEB)

Lord, you save both humans and animals.

Your faithful love is priceless, God!

Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the bounty of your house;

you let them drink from your river of pure joy.

Within you is the spring of life.

In your light, we see light.

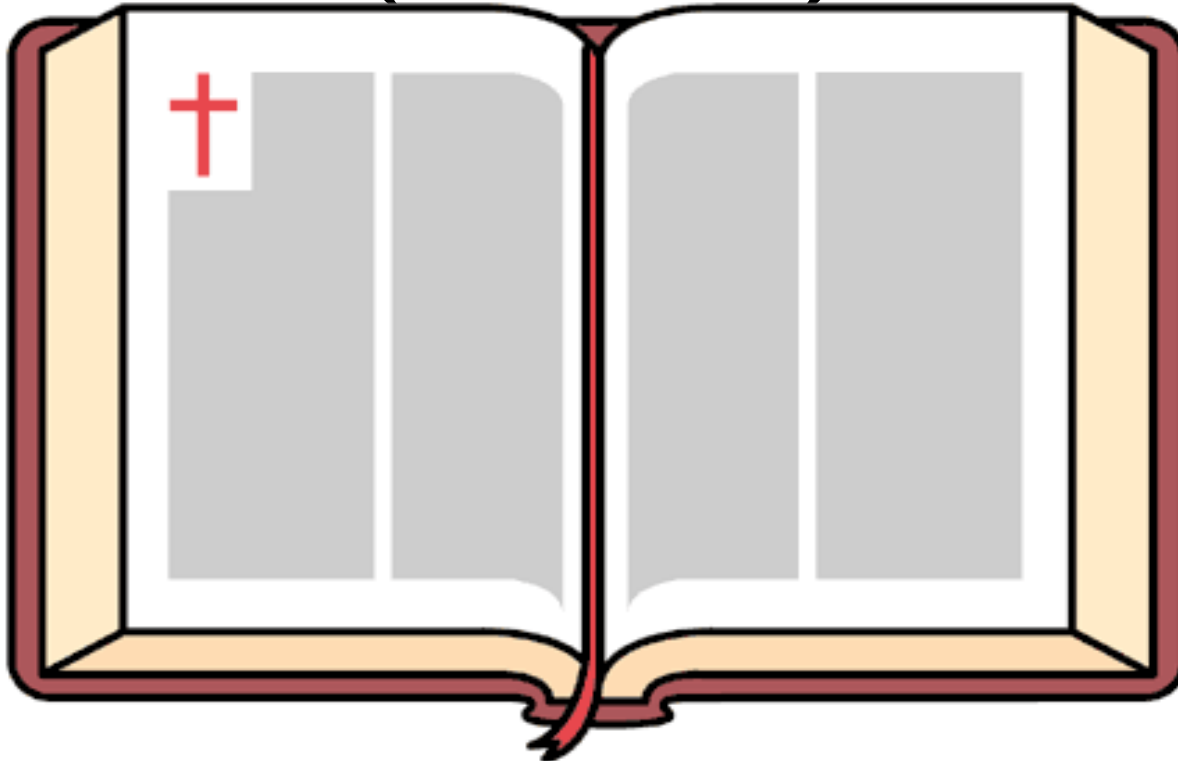
Extend your faithful love to those  
who know you;

extend your righteousness to  
those whose heart is right.

# Epistle:

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

(CEB)



Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak.

So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, “Jesus is cursed!” when speaking by God’s Spirit, and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.

A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another,



the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

# Building the Beloved Community

## 1. “Equality – The Imago Dei Imperative”

Pastor Steve

**A Litany To The  
United Methodist  
Social Creed**

**(Book of Discipline)**

**(para.166)**

**L: God in the Spirit revealed in  
Jesus Christ, calls us by grace**

**P: to be renewed in the image of  
our Creator,  
that we may be one in divine love  
for the world.**

**L: Today is the day God cares for  
the integrity of creation, wills the  
healing  
and wholeness of all life, weeps at  
the plunder of earth's goodness.**

**P: And so shall we.**

**L: Today is the day God embraces  
all hues of humanity, delights in  
diversity and difference, favors  
solidarity  
transforming strangers into friends.  
P: And so shall we.**

**L: Today is the day God cries with  
the masses of starving people,  
despises growing disparity  
between rich and poor,  
demands justice for workers in the  
marketplace.**

**P: And so shall we.**

**L: Today is the day God depllores  
violence in our homes and streets,  
rebukes the world's warring  
madness,  
humbles the powerful and lifts up  
the lowly.**

**P: And so shall we.**



**L: Today is the day God calls for  
nations and peoples to live in  
peace,  
celebrates where justice and mercy  
embrace,  
exults when the wolf grazes with  
the lamb.**

**P: And so shall we.**

**L: Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.**

**P: And so shall we**



# Hymn

*Many Gifts,  
One Spirit*

UMH #114

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*God of change and glory,*

*God of time and space,*

*when we fear the future,*

*give to us your grace.*

*In the midst of changing ways*

*give us still the grace to praise.*

*Many Gifts, one Spirit*

*Many gifts, one Spirit,  
One love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
From diversity we praise*

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*One Giver, one Lord, one  
Spirit,  
one Word known in many  
ways,  
hallowing our days.*

*For the Giver, for the gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!*

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*God of many colors,  
God of many signs,  
you have made us different,  
blessing many kinds.  
As the old ways disappear,  
let your love cast out our fear.*

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*Many gifts, one Spirit,  
One love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
From diversity we praise*



*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*One Giver, one Lord, one  
Spirit,  
one Word known in many  
ways,  
hallowing our days.*

*For the Giver, for the gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!*

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*Freshness of the morning,  
newness of each night,  
you are still creating endless  
love and light.*

*This we see, as shadows part,  
many gifts from one great  
heart.*

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*Many gifts, one Spirit,  
One love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
From diversity we praise*

*Many Gifts, ne Spirit*

*One Giver, one Lord, one  
Spirit,  
one Word known in many  
ways,  
hallowing our days.*

*For the Giver, for the gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!*

# *Pastoral Prayer*



# 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.***

# Lord's Prayer

***Give us this day  
our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.***

# Lord's Prayer

***And lead us not into  
temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.***





# Closing Hymn

*Lift Every  
Voice and  
Sing*

FWS #519

***Lift every voice and sing, till  
earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of  
liberty;***

***let our rejoicing rise high as the  
listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the  
rolling sea.***

***Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught  
us;***

***sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought  
us;***

***facing the rising sun of our new  
day begun,  
let us march on till victory is  
won.***

***Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope  
unborn had died;***

***yet with a steady beat, have  
not our weary feet  
come to the place for which  
our fathers sighed?***

***We have come over a way that  
with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our  
path thru the blood of the  
slaughtered.***



***out from the gloomy past, till  
now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our  
bright star is cast.***

***God of our weary years, God of  
our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus  
far on the way;***

***thou who hast by thy might led  
us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we  
pray.***

***Lest our feet stray from the  
places our God, where we met  
thee;***

***lest our hearts drunk with the  
wine of the world, we forget  
thee.***

***shadowed beneath thy hand,  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our  
native land.***

Blessing  
and  
Sending  
Forth



# Postlude

Carolyn Lamcke



**GOODBYE**

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*Have a Great Week!*