

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Rev. Dr. Burns Stanfield

“I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joseph Chu

One: Come to me, Jesus says. All who are weary,

All: Come to me.

One: And you, who carry heavy loads,

All: Come to me.

One: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

All: Let us draw near to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Chu

HYMN

Ruling Elder William McConnell

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ruling Elder Luci Duckson-Bramble

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord.

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

(Psalm 130:1–2)

All: When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

One: O God, we make this confession in your presence

and in the presence of those whom we have sinned against.

We confess that we have broken your community by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

Through long years of neglect and denial

we have perpetuated brokenness through our inaction.

We say, “I wasn’t there” or “I wasn’t alive then” or “You cannot blame me.”

All: When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

One: We confess that we have benefited from a broken community

without acknowledging our own complicity.

We claim that the acts of past generations have nothing to do with us.

We say, “That was then,”

yet we stand on the shoulders of those who went before,

those who made excuses for inaction,
enforced separation,
and participated in death.

**All: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

One: We confess that we have reinforced a broken community.
Even as we celebrate that we are created in your image,
our inherent racism denies that Black and Brown people are created in your image.
Because we have consistently violated the sacred bonds of your covenant, O God,
we now confess and reject the sin of systemic racism.
We have sinned against you and your children.

**All: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

One: We confess that we have perpetuated a broken community,
when your covenant, O God is with all people.
We have perpetuated a broken covenant by our silence,
our fearfulness, and our helplessness as we enjoy our privilege.
This day we say the names of those we have sinned against:
Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Trayvon Martin,
and far too many others, whose names we say in the silence of our own hearts.

**All: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

One: We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you do not hold our sin against us. We pray for your forgiveness.
We pray for the forgiveness of those whom we have wronged
generation after generation even up to this day.
Through your gift of Jesus Christ, we declare today
that we reject the sin of racism and will commit our lives to ending evil.
We will live as you would have us live:
as people baptized into a covenant community of grace and love.

**All: You have shown us what is good.
And what do you, O Lord, require of us?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with you
all the days of our lives.**

(Micah 6:8, paraphrased)

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's compassion is over all of creation; God's mercy covers us and gives us new life.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 145:8–20

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kohlmann

HYMN

“This Is My Song”

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program Virtual Choir

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañon-Santos

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Many Languages

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. T.J. DeMarco

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE EUCHARIST

Revs. Kohlmann and DeMarco

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray... who forever sing to the glory of your name;

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your Glory,

Glory be to you O Lord most high

The Lord Jesus, on the night that he was betrayed...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.

God our Mother, you have fed with your grace.

**Now send us out into your beloved world
to share your life, your love, your grace with all.**

Blessing and honor and glory to you,

holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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