

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
February 5, 2023

The Season of Light  
Beginning of Black History Month

Welcoming

Mission and Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,  
to Jesus be true,  
May God's gracious blessings  
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music (Chime Solo by Margaret Chambers)

Amazing Grace *music from Virginia Harmony*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House

(More Voices 1, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

*Words and music: Marty Haugen*

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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## A Time to Wonder

### Choir Anthem: Standin' in the Need of Prayer

*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Joel Raney*

### Scripture Readings

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

### Reflection

### Hymn of the Day: **We Are Pilgrims (Servant Song)**

Voices United 595, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

*Words: Richard Gillard, 1977*

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- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## Invitation to Offering

### Choral Response: **I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus**

(Asante sana Yesu) More Voices 188, v. 1

*Words (Swahili) and music: traditional song. East Africa*

*English paraphrase and arrangement: More Voices, 2007*

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Asante sana Ye-su,  
asante sana Yesu,  
asante sana Yesu moyoni.  
Asante sana Yesu,  
asante sana Yesu  
asante sana Yesu moyoni.

I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.

### Offering Prayer

We give these gifts, God, knowing that all that we have is a gift from you. Your creative wonder surrounds us every day, and the bounties of your world enable us to share what we have received.

**As we give thanks for what we have, encourage us to share these gifts for the care and service of others, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Joys and Concerns

### Introduction to the Video

Video presentation: *Black History month – Shady Creek United Church*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: **We Are Marching** (Siyahamba)  
Voices United 646

*Words: South African trad. Song, 20<sup>th</sup> century; trans. Anders Nyberg 1984*  
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- 1 We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)  
oo-oo, (marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)  
oo-oo, (marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.
- 2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)  
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)  
oo-oo, (hamba,)  
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)  
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)  
oo-oo, (hamba,)  
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

- 1 We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)  
oo-oo, (marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)  
oo-oo, (marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

Benediction

Postlude: Joy, Joyful Joy

*by Roger Thygerson*

*Cordova Bay United Church acknowledges with deep gratitude the rich oral musical tradition of African American Spirituals.*

*Drawing from West African musical tradition and Western Christian hymns, "[t]hese are the songs, born from rhythms of stolen labour, that enslaved Black people invented on the plantations".*

Worship Leaders – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leader: Sharon Prindle-Collins  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Scripture Reader – Bill Samis  
Greeters – Edith and Les Hudgins  
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat  
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bob Krueckl  
Fellowship Time – Christine Smith and Friends  
Edward Hickcox and Jiemei Li offer flowers in celebration  
of the life of Edward's father, Rev. Edward S. Hickcox