

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Black History Month

Welcoming

Procession of 5th Tsartlip Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Announcements

Centring Music: We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Franklin Ritter

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In mystery and grandeur,
we see the face of God.

In earthiness and ordinary,
we know the love of Christ.

In heights, in depths, in life and death,
the Spirit of God is moving among us.

We light this candle as a sign of Christ's
light in our lives. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Praise God!

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Praise God!

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- 1 Praise God! Praise God!
Praise God in the morning
Praise God in the noon day
Praise God! Praise God!
Praise God when the sun goes down.

- 2 Love God! Love God!
Love God in the morning
Love God in the noon day
Love God! Love God!
Love God when the sun goes down.

- 3 Serve God! Serve God!
Serve God in the morning
Serve God in the noon day
Serve God! Praise God!
When the sun goes down.

- 4 Thank God! Thank God!
Thank God in the morning
Thank God in the noon day
Thank God! Praise God!
Thank God when the sun goes down.

- 5 Jesus! Jesus!
Praise him in the morning
Praise him in the noon day
Jesus! Jesus!
Praise him when the sun goes down.

Opening Prayer

Oh Spirit, breathe that I may fully
live to love and be loved.
To understand and be understood.
To accept and be accepted.
To value and be valued

Listen—and be listened to.
That I may not single out,
because of suspicion or stereotype
That I not question someone belonging
because a person, a people, a system.

That I may not use as a token.
But truly and sincerely recognize all of your
children as worthy and deserving human.
In the here and now and beyond now.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Video Presentation (Scouts)

Choir Anthem: Standin' in the Need of Prayer
Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Joel Raney

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:6-11

Reflection: "A Spiritual Spiritual"

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (During Reflection Time)
African-American spiritual

Chorus Swing low sweet chariot
Comin' for to carry me home
Swing low sweet chariot
Comin' for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Comin' for to carry me home
A band of angels comin' after me
Comin' for to carry me home *Chorus*

Hymn of the Day: Kum ba yah

*"Kum ba yah" ("Come by here") is an African American spiritual song known to be
sung in the Gullah culture of the islands off South Carolina and Georgia,
with ties to enslaved West Africans.*

Chorus Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

- 1 Someone's prayin' Lord, Kum ba yah
Someone's prayin' Lord, Kum ba yah
Someone's prayin' Lord, Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah
- 2 Someone's cryin' Lord, Kum ba yah
Someone's cryin' Lord, Kum ba yah
Someone's cryin' Lord, Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah
- 3 Someone's laughin' Lord, Kum ba yah
Someone's laughin' Lord, Kum ba yah
Someone's laughin' Lord, Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

Chorus Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah
O Lord kum ba yah

Invitation to Offering

God has richly provided all we need for life's,
journey. What are we doing with God's bounty?
May our offering today reflect our gratitude to God,
For all we have been given. Our offering will now
be received.

Choral Response: I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus

(Asante sana Yesu) More Voices 188, v. 1
*Words (Swahili) and music: traditional song. East Africa
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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

All that we have God comes from you:
our lives and our livelihood,
our food and our water,
our resources and our assets,
our hopes and our dreams.
We share a small portion of your goodness
in our offerings. Bless these gifts, guide us in
their use, and encourage us in sharing the love of Christ,
in all that we do. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

traditional African-American spiritual

Chorus He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

1 He's got the little tiny baby in His hands
He's got the little tiny baby in His hands
He's got the little tiny baby in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands *Chorus*

2 He's got the wind and rain in His hands
He's got the sun and moon in His hands
He's got the wind and rain in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands *Chorus*

3 He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got everybody in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands *Chorus*

Benediction

It is God who made us.
We go out bringing love to the world.
It is Christ who called us.
We go out bringing justice to all people.
It is the Spirit that empowers us.
We go out with voices to challenge and unite.
May God be with you.
And also with you.

Postlude: Down by the Riverside

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Marianne Kim

Worship Leaders – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader: Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reader – Karen Strawn Samis
Greeters – TBD
Spirit Kids Program – Nancy Walker
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Elaine Zandee and Friends
Jean Hazemi offers flowers
in celebration of the life of her sister, Irene Finn.

We welcome the 5th Tsartlip Beavers, Cubs & Scouts joining us today
in celebration of the birthday of Lord Baden Powell. Please join us in
the hall following the service for refreshments and cake.