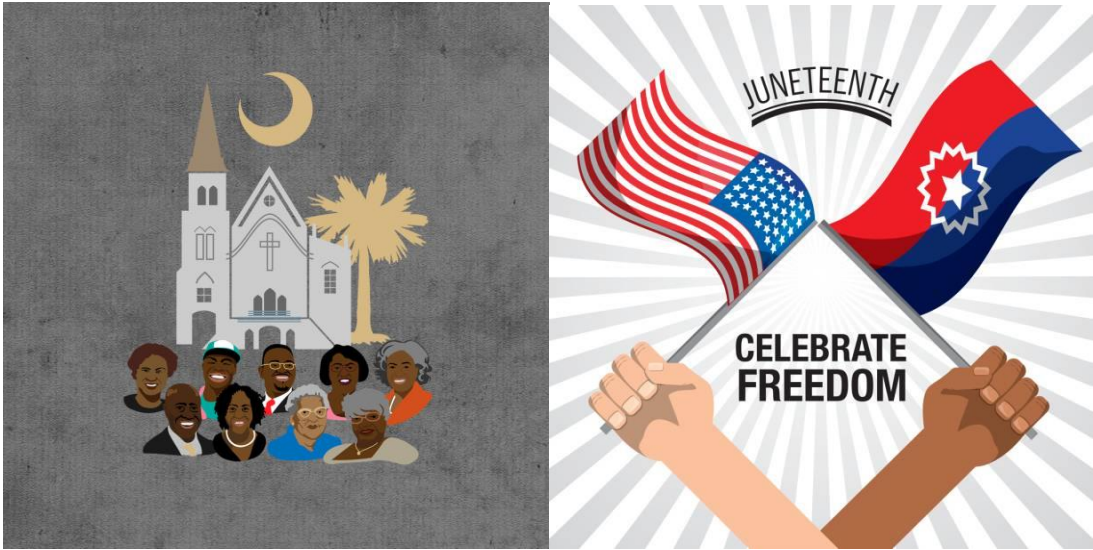


REMEMBRANCE OF THE EMANUEL NINE AND COMMEMORATION OF JUNETEENTH



June 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.

South Carolina Synod, ELCA
Inclusiveness Network

St. David Lutheran Church
132 St. David's Church Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29170

The red and blue flag on the right is the Juneteenth flag, a symbolic representation of the end of slavery in the United States developed by activist Ben Haith and others in 1997.

Today's service begins with a Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, martyrs killed while at Bible Study on June 17, 2015. Their killer hoped to start a race war, but instead the Spirit has moved with the church through grief into renewed paths of reconciliation. We also celebrate Juneteenth today, a day of freedom for God's people who were enslaved and an opportunity for us to walk together as people freed in Christ.

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Greg Brown

HYMN

ELW 633

We've Come This Far by Faith

Refrain – All

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;

trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.

Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by

faith. We've come this far by faith.

Verses sung by the leader:

**Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life,
He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.
That's why we've (refrain)**

**Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way
And He's never failed me yet.
That's why we've (refrain)**

Text: Albert A. Goodson, 1933–2003

Music: THIS FAR BY FAITH, Albert A. Goodson

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Jorge Leone

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



READING: Psalm 116 with the Remembrance of The Emanuel Nine Rev. Carl Taylor

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²**Be**

cause he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴**Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶**The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸**For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

⁹I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰**I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";**

¹¹I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."

¹²**What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?**

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

Cynthia Hurd

Susie Jackson

Ethel Lance

Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor

Rev. Clementa Pinckney

Tywanza Sanders

Rev. Daniel L. Simmons

Sharonda Coleman-Singleton

Myra Thompson

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶**O LORD, I am your servant;**

I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

CONFESSING RACISM: A LAMENT FOR THE CHURCH

Rev. Emily Edenfield and Rev. Rick Carter

As church, we confess the sin of racism and condemn racist rhetoric and the ideology of white supremacy. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

As church, we confess, repent, and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

Racism is deeply ingrained within the ELCA, a predominantly white church. It is deeply embedded within the individual congregations whose members continue to foster stereotypes and support policies that actively hurt people of color. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

As church, we declare that the enslavement of black bodies and the removal of indigenous peoples established racism in the United States, a truth this nation and this church have yet to fully embrace. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

Rooted in slavery, racism is manifested through the history of Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynching, extrajudicial killings by law enforcement, and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

As church we lament the institutional racism of discriminatory treatment within the call process; inequitable compensation of clergy of color; racial segregation; divestment from black communities and congregations; systemic policies and organizational practices; and a failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles of black people, indigenous people, and people of color. God, have mercy.

God, have mercy.

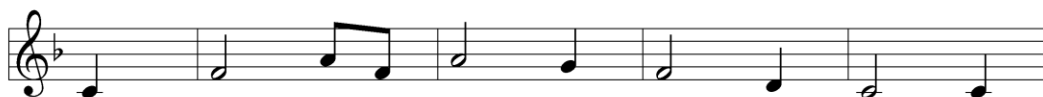
Confessions are empty promises without meaningful actions—actions that are grounded in prayer, education, and soul-searching repentance. The sin of racism separates us from one another. We trust that we are reconciled to God through Christ's death and resurrection and we seek such life-giving reconciliation with one another. As we repent, let us not turn back to ideologies that promote white supremacy, but trust that God can make all things new. **Amen.**

VIDEO

**President Barack Obama leads Amazing Grace
at the funeral of Rev. Clementa Pinckney**

The congregation is invited to join in singing Amazing Grace beginning with the second verse.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

HYMN OF PREPARATION Listen, God is Calling (v. 1)

READING

REFLECTION

ELW 513

Genesis 4:8-12

Rev. Carey A. Grady

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

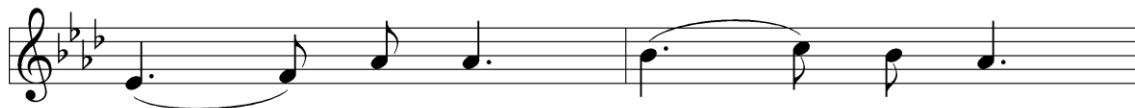
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HYMN OF PREPARATION Listen, God is Calling (v. 2)
READING
REFLECTION

ELW 513
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Bishop Ginny Aebischer

Oh, Freedom



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|---|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | Oh, | free - dom, | oh, | free - dom, |
| 2 | No | more moan - ing, | no | more moan - ing, |
| 3 | There'll | be sing - ing, | there'll | be sing - ing, |
| 4 | There'll | be shout - ing, | there'll | be shout - ing, |
| 5 | There'll | be pray - ing, | there'll | be pray - ing, |



oh,	free-dom	o - ver	me,	
no	more moan-ing	o - ver	me,	
there'll	be sing - ing	o - ver	me,	and be - fore I'd be a slave, I'll be
there'll	be shout-ing	o - ver	me,	
there'll	be pray - ing	o - ver	me,	



bur-ied in my grave, and go home to my Lord, and be free.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: FREEDOM OVER ME, African American spiritual

A RESPONSIVE READING FOR JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION Rev. Jackie Utley

When God created man and woman, the freedom of persons was already established.

We are made in the image of God, African Americans as well as all others. From one blood has God created all the races and nations of the earth

Galatians declares that in Christ, regarding freedom and equality, there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female (see Galatians 3:28).

Likewise, during the founding of the United States of America, the writers of our Constitution proclaimed human rights for all.

However, these rights were not granted to most African Americans. The Emancipation Proclamation freed African slaves in the United States on New Year's Day in 1863. But actual freedom for the last slaves did not come until a June day two and a half years later. This Juneteenth milestone reminds us of the triumph of the human spirit.

In the 1950's and 60's, we experienced one of the proudest times in our history, the modern civil rights movement.

The promise of freedom, the vote, and equality affirmed in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments became more achievable for African Americans.

We are thankful for Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers, James Farmer, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nothing could quench their thirst for freedom. It was their time and they would not be denied.

The events associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and the Congress of Racial Equality have changed our lives.

During this time, Brown v. The Board of Education, the NAACP, the March on Washington, the work of the National Urban League, the Black Church, and other religious communities united people against racial injustice.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 translated into law most of the goals of the Civil Rights Movement, protecting all citizens from racial segregation and discrimination. Let us remain ever vigilant in our commitment to proactive citizenship.

May God help us to exercise more seriously our right to vote and our pursuit of equality. God strengthen us in the ongoing struggle for freedom, civil rights, and justice.

Adapted from the African American Heritage Hymnal by Pastor Jackie Utley.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God is a God”
Dr. Rosetta Dingle

Wendell Whalum

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leroy Cannon

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God, our truth, through the ages you have spoken through prophets. Stir up in your church a passion for your word revealed in Jesus, that following the witness of the Emanuel Nine, your church studies the scriptures, shows hospitality, prays without ceasing, and embodies prophetic justice in community. Embolden church leaders and all the baptized to remember the lives of the Nine, repent of racism and white supremacy, and renew our commitment to your word revealed most fully in Jesus, our way, truth, and life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and loving God, we pray for our nation and the plague of racism that threatens, destroys, and kills. Root out white supremacy wherever it takes hold. Release its grip on those lured by its false promises. Bring to repentance all who continue to benefit from prejudice and hatred, both hidden and revealed. Plant in our hearts and nation a willing spirit open to truth-telling and healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the faithful life and witness of Clementa, Cynthia, Daniel, DePayne, Ethel, Myra, Sharonda, Susie, and Tywanza, the Emanuel Nine. May their faith and witness to your forgiving love in Jesus Christ inspire all people to pursue paths of justice, courage, and self-giving love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in the bonds of love; and through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of African-Americans and all people. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

The congregation may greet one another with a wave, a smile, a handshake, or other sign of God's peace.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop Aebischer

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
You have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us,
But guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
Our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
To preach good news to the afflicted,
To break bread with the outcast and despised,
And to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup
Is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
We await the day when Jesus shall return
To free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus!
And let the church say, Amen!
Amen!

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
To fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
With courage and wisdom
To pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom!
And let the church say, Amen!
Amen!

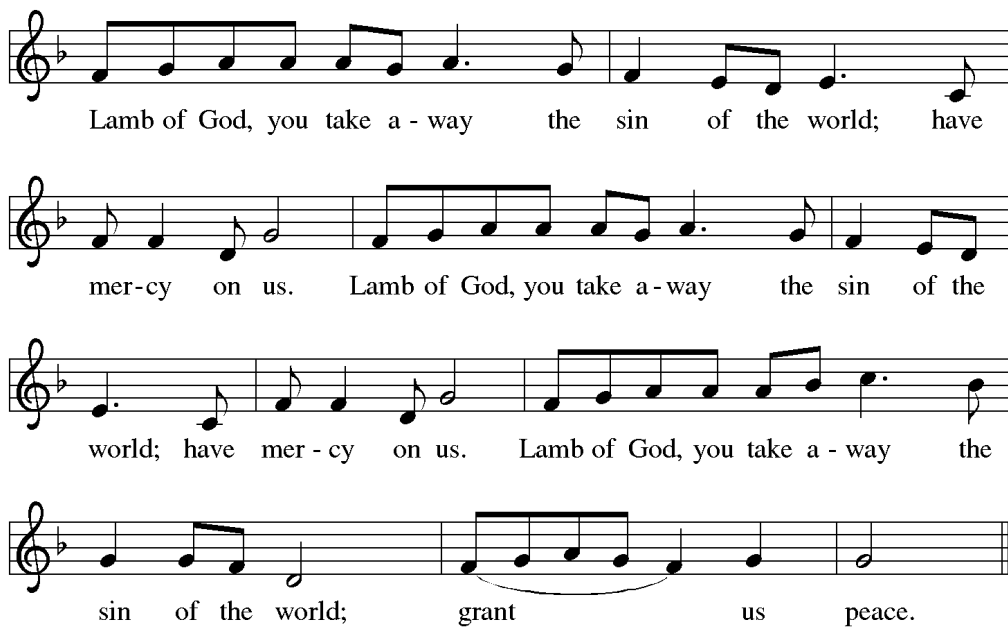
Join our prayers and praise
With your prophets and martyrs of every age,
That, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
We might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

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.
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 and ever. Amen.**

Come to the table, for all is now ready!
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for three parts: 1 (soprano), 2 (alto), and 3 (bass). The lyrics are: 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The third system of the musical score is marked 'Refrain'. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The fourth system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the third system. The lyrics are: sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace!
Amen.

Let us pray.

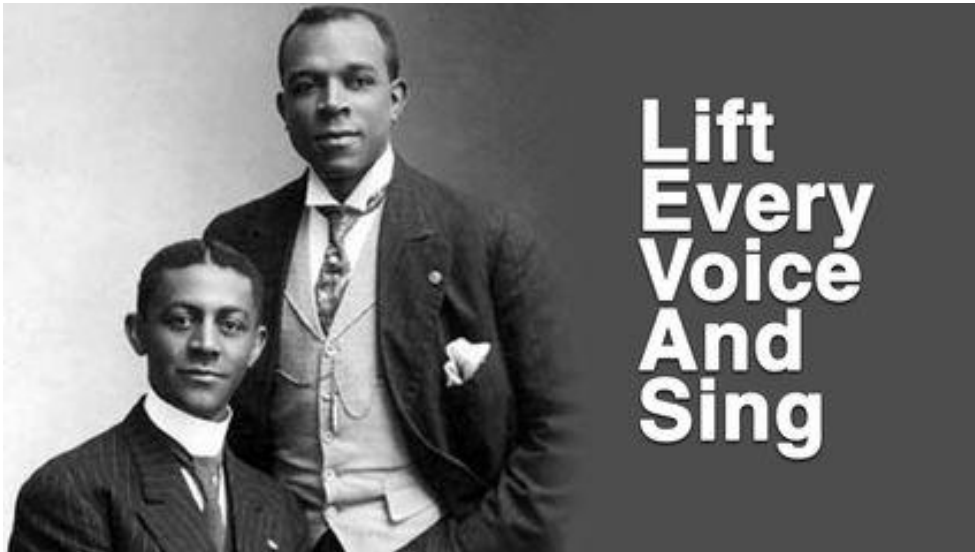
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

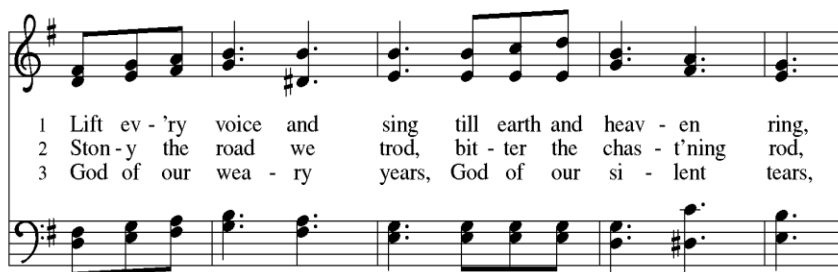
Lift Every Voice and Sing

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James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson, the brothers who wrote the words and music for "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift Every Voice and Sing



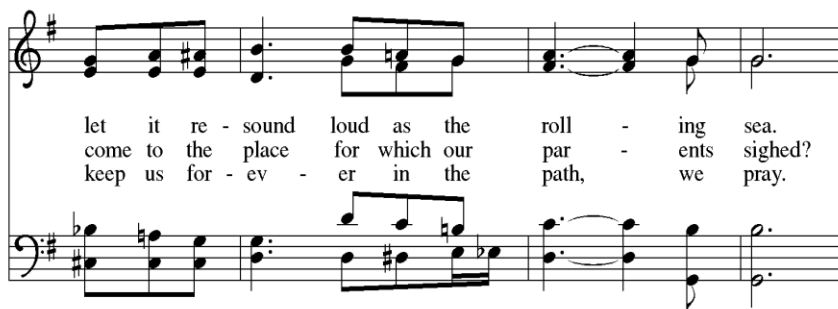
1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Rev. Jackie Utley

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace! Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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We give thanks to God and to these leaders in worship:

Bishop Virginia “Ginny” Aebischer, South Carolina Synod of the ELCA

Rev. Carey A. Grady, Pastor of Reid Chapel AME Church

Dr. Rosetta Dingle, Associate Professor of Music Education, SC State University

Rev. Jackie Utley, Chair of the South Carolina Synod Inclusiveness Network

Rev. Carl Taylor, Associate Pastor, Living Springs Lutheran Church

Rev. Jorge Leone, Pastor, Cristo Rey Lutheran Church

Rev. Leroy Cannon, Pastor, Christ Mission Lutheran Church

Rev. Greg Brown, Pastor, St. David Lutheran Church

Rev. Rick Carter, Assistant to the Bishop, South Carolina Synod

Rev. Emily Edenfield, Assistant to the Bishop, South Carolina Synod

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