ORDER of WORSHIP for Sunday, January 21, 2024, 9:30 am

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Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" J.S. Bach
Karen Thomas, violin

Land Acknowledgment Statement Brian Satrom

Welcome Travis Norvell

Gathering Hymn "Christ, You Offer Us Your Welcome" Beach Spring

Christ, you offer us your welcome; it's a precious gift you give!
You bring reconciliation and you show us how to live.
You call poor ones from their sadness, you call rich ones from their pride.
You call people who are outcast, telling all to "Come inside!"

You have given us a mission — to invite our neighbors in —
and your call to love and listen is a place we can begin.
We need more than open houses; we need, first, to give our hearts.
By your Spirit, make us servants; that's the way your welcome starts.

May we set a welcome table, may we find a common ground
where no one will feel they're labeled, where acceptance can be found.
We don't need to entertain there, or to do things that impress —
just to hear folks' joy and pain there, and to love so all are blest.

Christ, your call to offer welcome is an urgent, mighty call;
you have given us a vision of your Way that welcomes all.
May we seek to meet our neighbors in their vast diversity.
As your loved and welcomed people, may we build community.

First Lessons Genesis 18:1-15 Brian Satrom

Time with Children (with special guest "The Heart of Judson")

Choral Anthem "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" John B. Dykes
Karen Thomas, violin arr. Sally DeFord

Second Lesson Luke 12:48 Travis Norvell

Sermon "Core Values: Welcoming Justice" Travis Norvell

Offertory # "Be Doers of the Word of God" Ellacombe

(remain seated)

Be doers of the word of God, not simply those who hear.
Be ones who look into God's word, obey, and persevere.
Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, too.
Put wrath aside; instead, be meek and let God work in you.

Religion that is undefiled, religion that is pure
will reach to help the orphaned child and welcome all the poor.
If people come here poorly dressed, to judge them is a sin.
The rich aren't better than the rest; God welcomes poor ones in.

O Christ, you save us by God's grace from having to obey.
Then freed to love, we can embrace a life that seeks your way.
May we be doers of the word; may faith shine through our deeds;
and as we seek to trust in God, may ethics follow creeds.

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***Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

Prayers of the People Travis Norvell

Lord's Prayer (see insert)

Blessing Travis Norvell

Postlude "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. James Michael Stevens
Karen Thomas, violin

*Stand if you are able

Bring Your Hopes, Bring Your Doubts, Feed Your Soul.

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Judson Church Land Acknowledgement

Place is more than just a piece of land. It is a piece of who we are. For too long, we have associated this place where Judson Church sits with our European/American roots, forgetting the people who called this place home for centuries before us.

Mini-SO ta Mah-CO-cheh, Land where the Waters Reflect the Sky and specifically this part of the Twin Cities is the ancestral home of the Da CO tah wah-PEH-koo-tay people. It is home to their creation stories; it is where they hunted, fished, harvested, and cared for the land, raised families, celebrated life in community, and laid their loved ones to rest.

We acknowledge that "we the people," our ancestors and governments, forcibly removed the wah-PEH-koo-tay from their ancestral lands through relocation, warfare, execution, imprisonment in concentration camps, starvation, disease, and forced assimilation. Treaties were made and subsequently broken by us. We remember and lament the history of this land.

Today we acknowledge and appreciate our Da CO tah, Anisha NAH-bay, and other Indigenous peoples as neighbors and fellow citizens. We commit to do better by our neighbors, to stand with them and to learn from them as we seek to create a community that sees the Creator's face in everything.

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SCENES FROM THE RACIAL JUSTICE SERVICE ON 1-14-24



Monica Lewis giving a personal reflection

Brad Joern and Keith Ford reading from an essay by Esau McCaulley / Esau McCaulley and Martin Luther King, Jr.

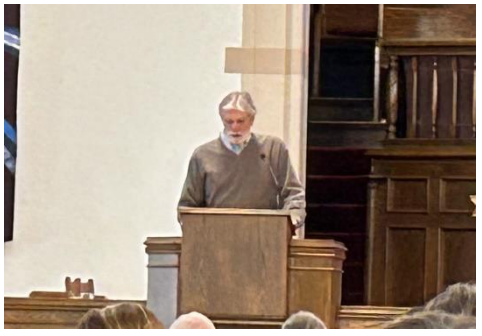




Pam Joern reading "Remember" by Joy Harjo



Karla McGray reading scripture one from the old testament and the second from the First Nations Bible version



Brad Joern reading –"Historic Church's Complicity," notes from the Upstander Project.



Leslie Rapp on Why the Land Acknowledgement Matters



"Fury and Faith" by Amanda Gorman



Scott Simpson reading the Land Acknowledgement



Leslie Rapp presenting the Eco Map of Reparations

The Judson Trio – Scott Simpson, Jim ten Bensel, and Dale Alexander, providing music before and at the end of the service.



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