

Celebrating **AFRICAN AMERICAN** Sunday

***“Reflecting on the Past, Celebrating the Present,
Anticipating a Brighter Future!”***

*A Virtual Worship Service sponsored by the Racial and Ethnic Concern Committee,
African American Caucus(RECC-AAC) of Trinity Presbytery*

Sunday, October 16, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

***Host Church · Oak Grove Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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CELEBRATING

African American Sunday

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Order of Service

Elder Shirley M. Greene, Presiding

Theme: "Reflecting on the Past, Celebrating the Present,



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Praise and Worship

Deacon Stuart and Mrs. Tamisha Glasgow

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Greetings

Mrs. Tamisha Glasgow

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship

Reverend Leon Page, Sr.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Leader: Make of joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!

People: **It is he who made us, and we are his;**

Leader: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

Leader: and his courts with praise!

People: **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Leader: For the LORD is good;

People: **his steadfast love endures forever,**

Leader: and his faithfulness to all generations.

Song of Celebration

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Opening Prayer

Revered Eddie Davis
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for you alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Selection

Little River Presbyterian Church Choir

Prayer for the People

Reverend Joyce N. Wright
Camden Second Presbyterian Church

Holy and Everlasting God, we humbly reach out to you with praises and our concerns for our community and world. At this time, we do our best to let go of our fears, our waves of anger, and our cynicism and to trust in your steadfast love. Yet, if anyone is willing to hear our groans and pains that need to be transformed, it is you, the loving one who listens and hears. Again, we say to you, good and gracious God, we trust in your unfailing love. Give us confidence and joy in all that we do, for we offer our lives and our prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Selection

Mrs. Shonna Canzater
Lebanon Presbyterian Church

Introduction of the Speaker

Reverend Leon Page, Sr.
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalms 16:1-6

Elder Lillie Gallman
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

New Testament: 1 Peter 1-9

Elder Cassandra Daniels
New Faith Presbyterian Church

Selection

New Faith Praise Team

The Message

Reverend Dr. Danny Murphy
General Presbyter, Trinity Presbytery

Selection

Oak Grove Singers

Prayer for Youth

Ms. Courtney Belton
Lebanon Presbyterian Church

Holy Spirit, we ask you to fill our Youth with your wisdom and spiritual understanding. Please help our Youth to choose godly friends and bless their relationships with their parents and loved ones. Turn the hearts of parents and Youth toward each other. Give our parents wisdom and patience as they diligently teach their Youth your Word. Holy Spirit, teach our parents your principles for rearing their sons and daughters. Remind our Youth to follow godly instruction. Touch the hearts of our Youth and remind them not to defile themselves with the ways of the world. Help them to make the right choices and activate your fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Please protect them and bless them at school and at their jobs, Amen!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elder Cleveland Smith

Ladson Presbyterian Church

Holy and Righteous Father, we thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for you alone are worthy! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

Prayer for Justice

Reverend Kimani Wright

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Jesus, we pray for strength as we wait for God's justice. The Bible is very clear that taking a life is sinful and abhorrent, and it is a sin against you. Your Word is clear about human life; every life is valuable because every life is made in your image. We may look different from each other, but we have one big thing in common -- we're all your image-bearers Lord, which means we all have equal value, we all have purpose, and we are all part of your plan. Father, you know the injustice that has occurred for thousands of years, in different countries, with all races of color and classes of people. I pray for the injustices that have happened to so many - that these wrongs look very wrong to everyone who views these situations; make it clear to everyone God, that races of color are beautiful, valuable, and worthy.

You are the author of justice Lord, we ask that you would rain down justice in the form of convictions, transformed mindsets and hearts, and continued reconciliation. Help us to look to you...and your Word to remind ourselves of what justice should look like. You know what injustice is like God; every sin committed is an injustice against you. Lord help us to fight injustice in the right way, may we always look to you as the solution. Oh Lord, that there would be more and more hearts transformed by your grace. May this time of injustice produce opportunities for conversation to talk about your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. May we seek you in our quest for justice, and may we continue to pray in your name for justice to be served when lives are taken and hateful actions are committed. In your name Jesus, amen.

Selection

Shiloh Presbyterian Church

Announcements

Elder Shirley M. Greene
Little River Presbyterian Church

Prayer for the Church

Reverend Dr. Robert Scotland
Shiloh First Presbyterian Church

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

Closing Song

Oak Grove Singers

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Danny Murphy
General Presbyter, Trinity Presbytery



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