

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing:

Give light and people will find a way Give light, and people will find a way
Give light and people will find a way People will find a way, I do believe

Give hope, and people will find a way Give hope, and people will find a way
Give hope, and people will find a way People will find a way, I do believe

Lector: God, we sing, "Give Light, and People will Find a Way," help people find their way to us! Bless the newcomers who are with us today!

All: Loving God, call those who are connected to our church on the periphery to a deeper connection, let us not be in their way!

Lector: God, show us how to give hope, to the crowd just down the street, outside our view, beyond our walls

All: Let us be a sign of hope for those who hear about us, or see us at a distance, who long for community, friends, and justice

Lector: O God, may we be creative and available, so that people may find a way to us online, to participate in live streaming worship, and to connect with us as a community without borders

All: May our hearts be called to be a lifeline to those even farther away, who need Your love and our message. As we worship today, we remember who still seek You, including ourselves. Gather Your crowd today, Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Opening Song

"Gather Us In"

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First Reading

"Kids Explain Black History Month"

Video

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 40-45

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Gathering Song

"Just As I Am"

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Sermon

"Know By The Crowds

Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

*Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Our Hearts. Shine Through The Darkness.
Christ, Be Our Light! Shine In Your Church Gathered Today.*

Lord's Prayer

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

We will follow the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing when instructed:

For Ev'ryone Born, A Place At The Table,
For Ev'ryone Born, Clean Water And Bread,
A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
For Ev'ryone Born, A Star Overhead.

And God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice And Joy,
Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators Of Justice,
Justice And Joy!

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so...This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

COMMUNION SONG

Join us in singing

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Closing Song

"My God I Know You've Laid Your Hands On Me"

See next page for lyrics

Benediction

Lyrics

“Gather Us In”

Here In This Place, The New Light Is Streaming, Shadows Of Doubt Are Vanished Away.
See In This Space Our Fears And Our Dreamings,
Brought Here To You IN The Light Of This Day.

Gather Us In, The Lost And Forsaken; Gather Us In; Our Spirits Inflame.
Call To Us Now, And We Shall Awaken; We Shall Arise At The Sound Of Our Name.

We Are The Young—Our Lives Are A Mystery; We Are The Old, Who Yearn For Your Face.
We Have Been Sung Throughout All Of History.
Called To Be Light To The Whole Human Race.

Gather Us In—The Rich And The Haughty; Gather Us In—The Proud And The Strong; Give
Us A Heart So Meek And So Lowly;
Give Us The Courage To Enter The Song.

“Just As I Am”

Just As I Am, Without One Plea But That Your Blood Was Shed For Me,
And That You Called Inviting Me, O Lamb Of God, I Come, I Come!

Just As I Am, Though Tossed About With Many A Conflict, Many A Doubt,
Fightings And Fears Within, Without, O Lamb Of God, I Come, I Come!

Just As I Am, You Will Receive, Will Welcome, Pardon, Cleanse, Relieve;
Because Your Promise I Believe, O Lamb Of God, I Come, I Come!

Just As I Am, Your Love Unknown Has Broken Every Barrier Down;
Now To Be Yours, And Yours Alone, O Lamb Of God, I Come, I Come!

“My God I Know You’ve Laid Your Hands On Me”

Congregation:

Oh, I Know The Lord, I Know The Lord, I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me. Oh,
I Know The Lord, I Know The Lord,
I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me.

Song Leader: Did Ever You See The Like Before?

Congregation: I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me,

Song Leader: Jesus Preaching To The Poor.

Congregation: I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me.

Congregation:

Oh, I Know The Lord, I Know The Lord, I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me. Oh,
I Know The Lord, I Know The Lord,
I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me.

Song Leader: Oh, Wasn't That A Happy Day

Congregation: I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me,

Song Leader: Jesus Washed My Sins Away?

Congregation: I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me.

Congregation:

Oh, I Know The Lord, I Know The Lord, I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me. Oh,
I Know The Lord, I Know The Lord,
I Know That You Have Laid Your Hands On Me.

First Reading

Why would a church that is predominantly white, celebrate Black History Month?

Let's suggest a few reasons:

Because Black History is really American History

Because Black History is often not lifted up as a valued, essential part of our history.

Because in our State, the teaching of the story of African Americans as a legitimate subject of history is under attack
Because learning about one another is one way to open our hearts to greater understanding, love and peace, something Jesus taught:
To love our neighbor as ourselves – all our neighbors.

Let's hear why some elementary school age children think Black History is important. Let the children teach us this morning.

Second Reading

Mark 1:40-45

A leper* came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling* he said to Jesus, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity,* Jesus* stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy* left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus* could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.