

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2020

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning "the people") People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For the racism which denies dignity to those who are different, Lord, forgive us: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the racism which recognizes prejudice in others and never in ourselves, Christ, forgive us: **Christ, have mercy.**

For the racism which will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures, Lord, forgive us: **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private. **And take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts.**

Break down the walls that separate us. **And help us to find that unity that is the fruit of righteousness and will enable us to become your beloved community.**

Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect. **And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes.**

O God of unconditional love, you who show no partiality in respect to people or nations, we have heard your good news of great joy for all the people, We hear that good news, and in hearing, believe. We know that your sanctuary is a house of worship for all people, with no regard for the color of our skin. As we worship you, knit us into a people, a seamless garment of many colors. May we celebrate our unity, made whole in our diversity. Forgive us for our inability to let our “old selves” die to the world. We acknowledge that we participate in structures that are inherently racist, and yet we do nothing to remedy it. Show us when we fail when we judge others according to the color of their flesh. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ELW #808 “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey. I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go. You alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant. To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

We pray to you, almighty God, in this time of conflict. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of these events. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our action. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 13

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-10

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon—The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery by Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

Hymn of the Day “We Shall Overcome” by Pete Seeger

A Litany of Remembrance for Black Lives

We join with Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in remembering the slain nine—the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney, the Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, the Rev. Sharon-da Coleman-Singleton, the Rev. Myra Singleton Quarles Thompson, Tywanza Kibwe Diop Sanders, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Susie Jackson, and Ethel Lee Lance—and those who survived. **We remember.**

We remember that they lovingly welcomed the stranger into a Wednesday-night bible study— they sang, they prayed, they gathered to study the word of God. We remember. We pray for the continual presence of God's peace; may it comfort and surround the families of the nine who were slain. **We remember.**

We pray for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, its senior bishop and episcopal leaders, the community of Charleston, and all who continue to grieve—trusting that God will continue to unite us in the work to end racism and white supremacy, so that we may be witnesses of Christian unity. **We remember.**

We remember the legacy of the Rev. Pinckney and his fight for racial justice for his parishioners and his community. Let us not only be moved by emotion but also be moved toward action. **We remember.**

We call the United States to remember and confront its history of racial injustice. We must not forget the crimes committed against humanity in the name of Christ: the land theft from and genocide of indigenous peoples and the enslavement of black bodies that built this nation. **We remember.**

We call this country to remember the policies and practices that excluded Chinese immigrants and that forced the internment of Japanese Americans. **We remember.**

We call this country to remember the exploitation of migrant farm workers from Latin and Central America and the separation of families at the U.S. southern border. **We remember.**

We remember the faith leaders whose lives are a living witness to black liberation and womanist theology in the struggle for black freedom: Bishop Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, Sojourner Truth, Denmark Vesey, Jehu Jones, Daniel Payne, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, James Cone, and Katie Cannon. **We remember.**

We remember the unarmed innocent black lives lost at the hands of law enforcement: Eric Garner, Laquan McDonald, Sandra Bland, Sean Bell, Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Michael Brown, Freddie Gray, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Atatiana Jefferson, George Floyd, and many others, known and unknown. **We remember.**

We remember the innocent, unarmed black bodies that were racially profiled, shot, and killed because whiteness stood its ground: Emmett Till, Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis, Ahmaud Arbery, Renisha McBride, and many others, known and unknown. **We remember.**

We remember those who are dear to us Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Ed, Jane, Dave, Miriam, Betty, Pat, Sarah Henry & Maggie, Audra, Beverly, Lyle, Ray, Wilma, Wally & Colleen, Brad, Julie, Bruce, Rose, Bob & Sue, and Friends and Family of Jerry Carlson. **We remember.**

As we remember, Living God, may we be re-membered as your body, connected to one another and empowered for the work you call us to do in the name of Jesus and by the power of his renewing Spirit. **Amen.**

Offering

Offering Prayer

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love and felt your presence with us. We offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Consecration/ Invitation to Communion

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 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.

Communion Hymn #247 "*Come Now Prince of Peace*"

Come now, O Prince of peace: make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile your people.
Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile your people.
Come now and set us free, O God our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all nations.
Come, Hope of unity; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all nations.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

SENDING

Benediction

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds and may the living Spirit of God give your life and those you meet courage and hope. **Amen**

And may the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. And may the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song #546 *"To be your presence"*

1. To be your presence is our mission here
To show compassions face and listening ear,
To be your heart of mercy ever near,
Alleluia!

2. To be your presence is our mission bold
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
To be your hands of justice right uphold,
Alleluia!

3. To be your presence is our mission blest,
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,
To be your voice of hope love expressed,
Alleluia!

4. We are your heart, O Christ, your hands
and voice,
To serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church rejoice,
Alleluia!

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Christ is our courage and hope! **Thanks be to God!**