

JUNETEENTH; FATHER'S DAY

Gathering/Preparation to Receive God's Word

PRELUDE

Jeanne Homan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES *(from Psalm 107)*

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;

People: **for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!**

GATHERING SONG

Good, Good Father

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Anthony Brown; Pat Barret

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from U.M.C. Juneteenth Day Worship Resources)*

Leader: The Lord our God is great.

People: **The Lord is worthy of our praise.**

Leader: Come; let us remember the great things God has done for us.

People: **Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.**

Leader: Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

People: **We remember our ancestors, our history, our Africa; and we name our future.**

Leader: Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise, and open our hearts in gratitude.

People: **Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.**

Leader: And that hymn of praise is, *This Is My Father's World*, #293 in the blue hymnal.

HYMN OF PRAISE

#293 *This Is My Father's World*

(blue hymnal)

LITANY OF CONFESSION - *(from E.L.C.A. Worship Resources: Juneteenth)*

Leader: Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

People: **Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

Leader: Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.

People: **Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed.**

Leader: Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering. Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet; remembering lives and freedom stolen.

People: We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Leader: Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go. Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

People: Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee;

Leader: Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

People: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears thou who hast brought us thus far on our way; thou who has by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Leader: Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.

People: Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land. True to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming, thanks be to God.

(Time of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI - Hymn #579

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.1

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Noisy Buckets!

Hymn #304 *Jesus Loves Me!* v.2

Word/Receiving God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Amos 5: 18 - 24

New Testament: Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Let Justice Roll Down"

Pastor, Rev. Edgar C. Mariel

Response/Responding to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jeanne Homan

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* may be found in the blue hymnal in the *Aids to Worship* section, page 14

INVITATION TO OFFERING (from *Proverbs 3*)

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY - Hymn #592

PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

(blue hymnal)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE SONG

#45 *Behold, What Manner of Love*

(red book)