

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany 5 – Black History Month – February 4th, 2018

*You are invited to stand, if able
You are invited to **say or sing** the bold print

PRELUDE

Sarah Svendsen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING OF THE PEACE

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured!**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

The Lord is our light and salvation... (Psalm 27:1)

WORDS

Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come buy and eat without money and without cost declares. (Isaiah 55:1) **We come because God's invitation is just too hard to refuse.**

* **HYMN:** #314 "Come Now, Almighty King"

SERUG

- 1 Come now, almighty King,
help us your name to sing, help us to praise;
one God all glorious, ever victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2 Come now, incarnate Son,
your life in us begun, our prayer attend;
come, and your people bless,
come, give your word success;
stablish your righteousness, Saviour and friend!**
- 3 Come holy Comforter,
your sacred witness bear in this glad hour;
your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,**

never from us depart, Spirit of power!

- 4 To the great One in Three,
eternal praises be for evermore;
your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!**

WE PRAY TO GETHER

Holy One, bless us today as we come to worship. We honour you for making all peoples of the earth. This month, we express deep appreciation for the ways people of colour influence our world. As we journey together, may we live in harmony and work for a world where all experience abundant life, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Hewitt Holmes)

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Instrumental Meditation

R. Ho Lung/P.E.P.

CHILDREN HYMN: "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands"

Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung.

**He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

He's got a-you and me brother in His hands,
He's got a-you and me brother in His hands,
He's got a-you and me brother in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got a-you and me sister in His hands,
He's got a-you and me sister in His hands,
He's got a-you and me sister in His hands,
He's got a-you and me sister in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

(Songwriters: J Baird / Pd Traditional)

PRAYER WITH COLLIER'S KIDS

After prayer, the children may join their Helpers for Collier's Kids.

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Robin Milani
Hear what the spirit is saying, **we are listening...**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: "Signs of Hope" Hewitt T. Holmes

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Come All You People" Gondo/Bell

***SUNG DEDICATION: MV#191 "What Can I Do?"**

**What Can I do? What can I bring? What Can I say?
What Can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

***BLESSING OF OFFERING AND GIFTS**

Laurie Lloyd

***HYMN:** MV#1 "Let Us Build a House" (vv. 1-2)

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,

Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

LITANY FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For over 200 years we have lived in a land after the transatlantic slave trade was legally abolished. For more than 40 years we have lived in a continent free of legal racial segregation. **Yet we are still thirsty for equality.**

For 30 years we have understood the injustices that keep HIV/AIDS spreading in every corner of the world including our own. **Yet we are still thirsty for compassion.**

For 20 years we have gone to workshops on "multiculturalism" and tolerance. **Yet we are thirsty for acceptance.**

For 10 years we have known the importance of role models for our youth. Yet we are still thirsty for peace on our streets. For centuries we have cried out: `` **give us water to drink,** `` wondering if `` **the Lord is with us or not.** ``

And as we asked we are now asking, God provides us with living water of hope, so that strengthened we can continue our journey toward equality, compassion, acceptance and peace. **We hope, though thirsty, we will not be parched.**

One day our yearning will cease and our thirst will be quenched. **This is our prayer. Amen, Amen and again we say: Amen!**

***HYMN:** #646 "We are Marching"

SIYAHAMBA

**1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)**

oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

***BLESSING & SENDING CHORUS: "Go Now in Peace"** N. Price/D. Besig
Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each
hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show
you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God
will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith,
and in love. Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

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