

Kitchissippi United Church
February 16th, 2020
Doorways: Have a Heart
& Black History Month

*Indicates please stand in body or spirit
Congregational responses in **BOLD** type.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE *Larghetto in E Flat* *Handel*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING *Jesu, Jesu* (v 2 & 3) **VU 593**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER†

With what shall we come before our God?

God has already told us what is good.

Shall we come with gifts and offerings?

God wants us to do justice.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to love kindness.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to walk humbly with God.

Come then, let us worship God. Let us pray together:

Hear us Holy One. You created all human beings in your image and likeness. You have stamped each human person with a unique specialness, and all persons bear your image. Through that image you call on us to reflect your goodness, justice, and love to all the world. Remind us that when we speak out for justice, mercy, and compassion we are displaying the attributes we find in you. As we come to offer to you what we believe you are worth, show us how to display you in everything we do. Show us how to respect your image in all human beings. Help us to defend your image that is found in all human beings. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Open My Eyes, that I May See* **VU 371**

LEARNING TOGETHER

SUNG RESPONSE - Give me oil in my Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning

Keep me burning till the break of day

Chorus: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the Servant King

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna

Sing hosanna, let us sing]

Give me umption for my gumption to help me function,

Give me umption for my gumption, I pray

Give me umption for my gumption to help me function,

Help me function til the break of day

Chorus

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION††

Open our hearts and minds, Loving God, so that these ancient words and stories may come to life in this time and place and provide solace for those who need words of comfort and peace. Amen.

READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (pg. 211)

Choose life.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 119:1-8 (Part 1)

VU 838

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

READING Matthew 5:21-37 (pg. 934-935)

Teaching on anger, adultery, divorce and oaths.

RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURES

May the Spirit bless these readings to our understanding. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Forever Blest Are They*

Handel

REFLECTION *It's all about relationships!*

*HYMN *Will you come and see the light?*

VU 96

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING *Sarabande*

Pachelbel

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

MV 85

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ††† (unison)

O Holy One, these are the gifts of our hands and our hearts shared in thanksgiving. May they touch the lives of many. Where brokenness resides, may our gifts offer healing and wholeness. In the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN *How brightly beams the morning star*

VU 98

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING ††††

We have come to God in the freshness of this morning,

Knowing that God's mercies never end.

We have come to God in hope,

Knowing that God's steadfast love never ends nor leaves us.

We have come to God, waiting in quietness,

Knowing the God is good and loving.

We go forth now, remembering

Great is God's faithfulness. We go in love and peace. Amen.

RECESSIONAL *Gigue in C*

Pachelbel

(Please feel free to stay and listen or to move to the hall for coffee, tea and cookies. All are welcome!)

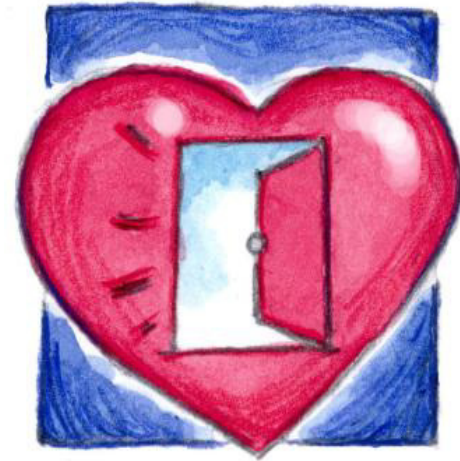
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