Sunday, February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent



Prelude In the Mornin' arr. Charles Ives

Elias Mokole, baritone; Velda Graham Bell, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Call to Worship Connie and Abbi Adamec

One: What dreams do we have for our community, our nation, and our world?

All: Peace and justice will surely come.

One: What hopes do we have for our community, our nation, and our world?

All: War and hunger must surely end.

One: What can we do to make these hopes and dreams a reality?

All: With love at our center, we offer our hands, and walk in the light.

Hymn Peace Will Surely Come

Steve Horner led by Tapestry

Refrain: Peace will surely come. Justice, thy will be done. When in Love we offer our hand we come into the promised land.

1. War must surely end. Your enemy is a long lost friend. The killing fields are charred and dead. Love your neighbor, that's what Jesus said.

Refrain: Peace will surely come. Justice, thy will be done. When in Love we offer our hand we come into the promised land.

2. Hunger must surely end. Abundance is close at hand.

With Bread and the Fishes we share this feast. With everyone, the most and the least.

Refrain: Peace will surely come. Justice, thy will be done. When in Love we offer our hand we come into the promised land.

3. In Montgomery, she would not move To the salty sea he marched for truth They're calling out day and night Open your eyes and walk in the light.

Refrain: Peace will surely come. Justice, thy will be done. When in Love we offer our hand we come into the promised land.

Morning Prayer Prayers of Concern and Celebration Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Isaiah 64:8

Yet you, Lord, are our Creator. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand

Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if she is thirsty, give her something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on their head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Anthem En Prière (In Prayer) lyrics by Stéphane Bordèse, music by Gabriel Fauré Elias Mokole, baritone; Velda Graham Bell, piano

English translation:

If the voice of a child can reach You, O my Father, Listen to the prayer of Jesus on His knees before You. If you have chosen me to teach Your laws on the earth, I will know how to serve You, holy King of Kings, O Light! Place on my lips, O Lord, the salutary truth, So that whoever doubts, should with humility revere You! Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness so necessary, To relieve the suffering, to alleviate pains, the misery! Reveal Yourself to me, Lord, in whom I have faith and hope, I want to suffer for You and to die on the cross, at Calvary!

Sermon Love is the Way – Love: It Changes Things Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn God Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

UM Hymnal #100 led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

- 1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.
- 2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.
- 3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story

formed a people bound to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

- 4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Star-child born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!
- 5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring.

Velda Graham Bell, organ

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