

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Human Relations Sunday

“We stand for racial justice and equality”



Prelude *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas Dorsey

Emma Rustan, vocalist

This was Martin Luther King's favorite song.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Anita Zager, Sarah Maddy, Liz Taylor

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Black lives matter to You and always have.

All: Indigenous lives matter.

One: Black LGBTQIA+ lives matter.

All: Black homeless lives matter.

One: Black Christians and non-Christians matter.

All: Black lives with disabilities matter; immigrants and refugees matter.

One: Black children and teens matter.

All: Their lives are sacred.

Their lives are valuable.

Their lives are precious.

Their lives are important.

One: Their lives are integral to Your magnificent, beloved family.

All: So we join with them and all the others who are just as sacred, valuable, precious, important and integral to Your plan of salvation to sing Your praises.

(Adapted by Rev. Michael C. Johnson)

Introduction of Lift Every Voice and Sing

Anita Zager

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

UM Hymnal #519

Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson; music by J. Rosamond Johnson

led by Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

1) *Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies
of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
let it resound
loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on
till victory is won.*

2. *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 fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
thru 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.*

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

*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;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
true to our native land.*

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Jesus' Prayer – Contemporary Version by Tom Hall

**Eternal Spirit, Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.
May we find the bread that we need for today,
And for the hurts we cause one another
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin, deliver us.
May you reign in the power of human love,
Now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Introduction of Canes Nicolas

Cindy Hedlund

Anthem *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Canes Nicolas, violin

Scripture Reading

Liz Taylor

Luke 22:30-42

Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation." He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet, I want your will to be done, not mine."

Introduction of Daniel Oyinloye

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Jojo Coffin-Langdon

Sermon *This Mountain*

Guest speaker: Daniel Oyinloye

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

UM Hymnal #585
led by Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and MaryAnne Korsch

1. *This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

2. *Everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine;*

*everywhere I go
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

3. *All around the world
I'm gonna let it shine;
all around the world
I'm gonna let it shine;
all around the world
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Velda Graham Bell, piano

arr. David Winkler



If you would like to connect with Pastor Jeanine and other FUMC members, please join us for a Zoom meeting every Thursday morning at 10 am. We'll visit with one another, hear church updates, share Scripture and pray. Come any time – once or every week. You are welcome!

The Zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/915188407> Meeting ID: 915 188 407

Thank you to FUMC's Racial Justice Action Team (RJAC) for helping put together and lead this service. RJAC meets on the third Monday of every month at 8:00 pm. If you would like to join their Zoom meetings, contact Jojo Coffin-Langdon: families@fumcduluth.com or text to 218-251-4388.

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