



JUNETEENTH WORSHIP SERVICE

June 19, 2022 - 10:00am
Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE | *Prelude on Deep River (African-American Spiritual) arr. Adolphus Hailstork | James Barry, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | *Pastor David Figliuzzi*

JUNETEENTH VIDEO

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP | *Africka Hinds, Incoming Vice Moderator*

One: The Lord our God is great.

All: The Lord is worthy of our praise.

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

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

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

All: We remember our ancestors, our history, our Africa, and we name our future.

One: Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere.

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

All: Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.

OPENING HYMN #366 | *We are *Marching**

JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION LITANY

One: Today, we commemorate the end of legalized slavery in America.

This day partially reminds us of the progress made.

This day also partially reminds us of the progress we have not made.

All: We celebrate the freedom of Black lives in our nation.

We grieve that we have not correctly reconciled racism in our nation.

One: You created each person in your image.

The two greatest commandments call us to love you with all our heart, souls, and minds,
then, to love our neighbor as ourselves.

All: Your love for us motivates us to love each other.

If we do not love each other, then ultimately, we have not experienced your love.

One: As much as we commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth, we grieve this day.
We mourn that our Black brothers and sisters have not been loved as our neighbors.
We mourn that our Black brothers and sisters have been treated less than created in your image
throughout history.

**All: So, Lord, we confess our sins and repent.
The healing and reconciliation we desire comes from the gospel.**

One: On Juneteenth this year, we ask you to guide our nation.

**All: May the good news of the gospel motivate us to love each other.
May the ideals of our words match the practices of our lives.
May a fresh empowerment of your Spirit unite us.
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your will and leading. Amen.**

GIFT OF MUSIC | *Fix Me Jesus* by Hall Johnson | Schauntice Shepard, soloist; James Barry, piano
Oh, fix me Jesus, fix me. Fix me for my home on high. Fix me for the by and by. Fix me for my starry
crown. Fix me for a higher ground. Fix me for my dying bed, Fix me for my journey home. Oh, Jesus,
fix me, fix me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY | *You Can Tell the World* arr. Margaret Bonds | Schauntice Shepard, soloist; James Barry, piano
You can tell the world about this; you can tell the nation about that. Tell 'em what the Jesus has done.
Tell 'em that the Comforter has come, and he brought joy, joy, joy to my soul. He took my feet out the
mercy clay. Yes, he did. He placed them on the Rock to stay. My Lord done just what he said,
He healed the sick and raised the dead. Yes, he did.

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING | *Micah 7:1-7*

SERMON | *Omena McCoy*

CLOSING HYMN #481 | *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (vs. 1 and 3)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *Toccata on Great Day* (African-American Spiritual) arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Our guest preacher today is Omena McCoy. Omena is a licensed local preacher in the Hartford District of
the AME Zion Church, and a member of Varick Memorial AME Zion Church in New Haven.

Omena is a May 2022 graduate of Yale Divinity School where she received her Master of Divinity degree
with a concentration in Black Church Studies. Omena is the recipient of the Andover Newton Seminary's
Martin B. Copenhagen Preaching Prize for exceptional achievement in, and promise for, outstanding

preaching and the Yale Divinity School's Oliver Ellsworth Daggett Scholarship Prize for ability, Christian character and promise of usefulness as a preacher.

Her academic interest is New Testament hermeneutics. She is passionate about using liberative frameworks for biblical interpretation that uplift marginalized communities, aims to undo the harm caused by the weaponization and misinterpretation of the gospel, and fosters a curiosity about and love for Christ.

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