

Order of Worship

January 17, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Joanne Cheng

Come together, people of God, longing for hope in unsettled times.
We come with joy to the great light that God has given us in Jesus Christ!
The Lord is our light and our salvation.
Let us be one in love and praise.

Opening Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations (UMH 428)

Opening Prayer

Liesl Arends

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Scripture

John 13:12-17

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After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.'

Sermon

From Me to We

Brian Stockton

Offering

Denny Edelbrock

Beloved children of God, too often we see the world through a lens of scarcity. We look at all the things we do not have or wish for something bigger and better. And yet, our stories of faith tell us that the smallest things often become enormous when placed in God's hands. And so, you are invited to bring your "little" and watch how God can do great things to bless the entire community.

Special Music**Blessed Martin, Pastor Prophet**

Heywood

Chancel Choir

Closing Prayer**For Courage to Do Justice**

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

This morning we are lifting two prayers from our UMC tradition that speak to our time. One is written by a South African author and anti-apartheid activist, Alan Paton. It is found in our United Methodist Hymn and prays for peace and justice in our world.

The second comes from our United Methodist Book of Worship and is a prayer for our nation in times of crisis. We lift these prayers as a way of voicing our communal yearnings and focusing our congregation's prayers on the critical needs of our day. Let us pray:

O Lord,

open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;

open my ears that I may hear their cries;

open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,

nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,

and use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears

that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee.

Amen.

A Prayer in a Time of National Crisis

God of all the ages,

in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of peril.

Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save.

his tenure, he created a progressive improvement culture of change that employees welcomed as a valuable opportunity and not something to resist. Stockton is also an outspoken leader for immigrants' rights and led efforts to ensure families registered their children in school without fear of deportation during a difficult time in the community. More notably, he created a teacher pipeline specific for underrepresented groups for elementary schools and created the first-ever school district leadership program for high potential employees and management.

Beyond that, Stockton worked tirelessly with community groups to build partnerships as well as educational organizations to help create a more equitable and accessible education system. He also led the creation of a comprehensive Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) program, which resulted in an increase of school district expenditure from 3-percent to 32-percent. Stockton also served as Assistant Commissioner of District Operations for the Tennessee Department of Education, where he oversaw the development and implementation of school and district plans as needed by the federal and state laws and rules for transportation, safety, physical health, and nutrition services.

428 For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
 Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
 King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
 King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:



Life in the King-dom of God!
 Shine for the King-dom of God! Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy,
 grow in the King-dom of God!
 Love is the King-dom of God!



bring forth the King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God! _____

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