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 Lies 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 Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

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.

May leaders be led by your wisdom;
may they search your will and see it clearly.

If we have turned from your way,
reverse our ways and help us to repent.

Give us your light and your truth, let them guide us;
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of this world, and our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn Bring Forth the Kingdom of God TFWS 2190

Benediction Tracy

Postlude Amazing Grace arr. Shearing

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Our opening prayer "Prayer for Justice" is from https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource

A Note About Our Guest Speaker

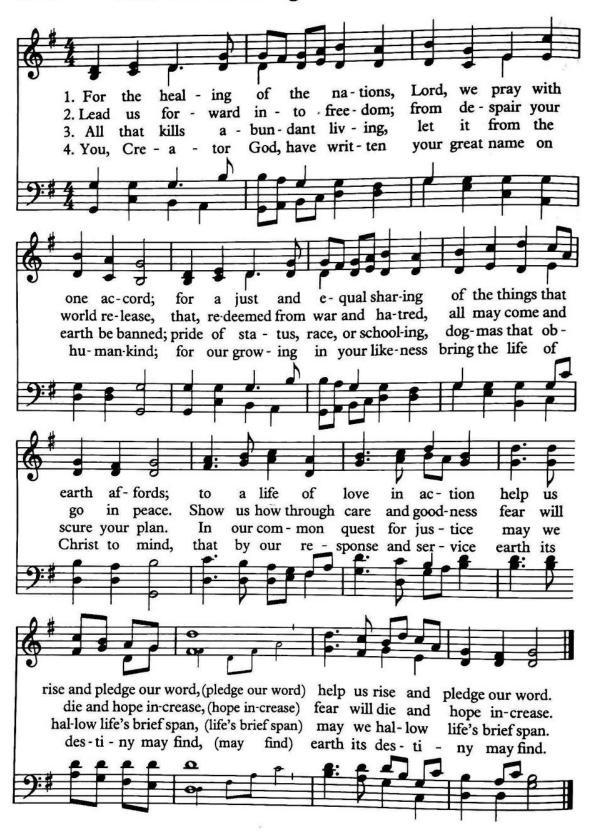
We welcome Brian Stockton as our guest speaker this morning. Brian was appointed the Chief of Staff for Arlington Public Schools in June of 2020. He graduated from Howard University with a bachelor's degree in Journalism and holds a management certificate from Georgetown University. He is also a graduate of the National Superintendents' Academy. In addition, Brian brings over 20 years of experience coaching leaders in the area of corporate culture and managing the day-to-day operations for large organizations, school districts, and governmental agencies.

Brian also served as Chief of Staff for Shelby County Schools, the largest school district in Tennessee, serving more than 100,000 students and 14,000 employees. During

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.

For the Healing of the Nations



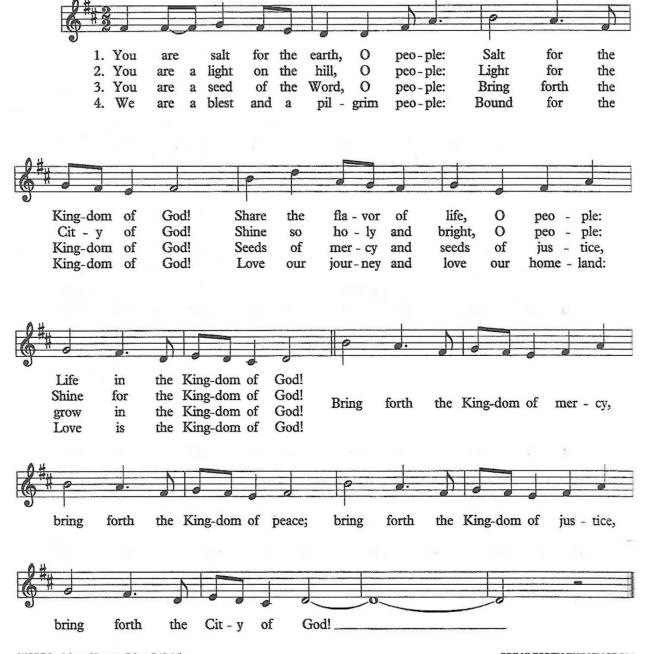
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MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Bring Forth the Kingdom



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