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Worship Service

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Black History Sunday

Sunday, February 12th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“Black history is not just for Black people. Black history is Canadian history.” –**Jean Augustine**

“Darkness can not drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” – **Martin Luther King Jr.**

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” – **Harriet Tubman**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
African-American spiritual, arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Today we gather to open our hearts about Black history in Canada,

to hear stories of courage and strength, disappointment and injustice, to listen to songs of hope, faith and liberation.

We come to be transformed by our God of love and justice.

Let us worship the One who surprises us with wonder and takes us down from lofty places so that,

we may comfort and support one another as we follow the One who says, "I am the Light", always.

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Hymn (708) “My Lord, What a Morning” vs. 1,2,3

My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.

- 1 You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R
- 2 You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R
- 3 You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

Opening Prayer (together)

Creator God, we come before you acknowledging and celebrating the journeys of our Black siblings and cousins far and wide. We come knowing that these journeys have been met with much strife and pain, and although there have been triumphs along the way, the pain and brokenness of oppression lingers yet. But we come celebrating a people whom You have filled with a boundless faith, and whose hope in You has manifested into renewable strength and fortitude. Guide our worship this hour and bind us together in Your love. Amen.

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Hymn (575) “I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Prayer for Grace (together)

Holy God, we are thankful that You are always with us, yet at times we forget or ignore Your presence. In these times, it is easy for us to point fingers at others and forget our own role in contributing to an unfair and unjust world. It is easy for us to block images of oppression on television and on social media. Open us to the closed corners of our minds so we may see the injustices around us. Enable us to acknowledge the pain and oppression in our world. Strengthen us to respond to living in Your Way of hope and peace. All of this we pray in Love's name. Amen.

Sung Assurance (612) “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

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- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. **R**
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." **R**

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 3:7-12 J. Brooker
(God hears the enslaved cries and will liberate them.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:16-21 J. Brooker
(Jesus reads the scripture in the synagogue.)



Solo "Over My Head" African-American spiritual
arr. Stephen Lee
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Reflection "Stories of Canadian Black History"
Rev. Cooper

Anthem (Youtube) "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Based on a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1900)
Music John Johnson

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Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

African-American Spiritual

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

**Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.**

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home. **R**

If I get there before you do,
Coming for to carry me home.
I'll cut a hole and pull you through.
Coming for to carry me home. **R**

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If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I'm coming too.
Coming for to carry me home. R

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By your grace, give us hope
By your power, give us strength
By your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where you lead us
Until all your children are safe from harm.
May we go with your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Blessing (646) South African Spiritual

“We Are Marching” (Siyahamba)

- 1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
- 2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

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siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. **(repeat vs.1)**

Postlude "Go Down, Moses/Wade in the Water"
African-American spirituals, arr. Larry Shackley

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope you found the
worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to J. Brooker and B. Kai for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scriptures.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, February 12th, Black History
Sunday.

Sunday, February 19th, Family Day Service.
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting on Zoom.

Sunday, February 26th, First Sunday of Lent.
1:00 p.m. – **Congregational meeting** to receive an
update from the Exploration Team. The Team has
issued an invitation to another church and will report
on the feasibility and potential of a merger. The

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congregation will be asked to agree that the Exploration Team continue to work with the named congregation to identify the detailed actions required to effect a merger by June 30, 2023.

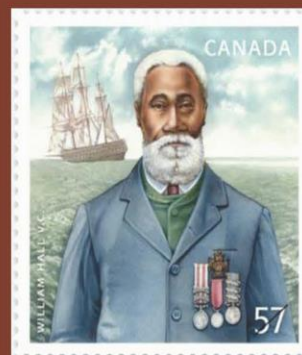
The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12th, 2023.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in for our service next Sunday.



CANADA'S BLACK HISTORY

Commitment ~ Contribution ~ Character

