Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

When We Are Singing

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of glory,

as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you.

May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed,

to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

*Нүмһ #742

— Sending — +We Will Walk with God

*BLESSING AND CHARGE Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,

the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. Alleluia! As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. Amen.

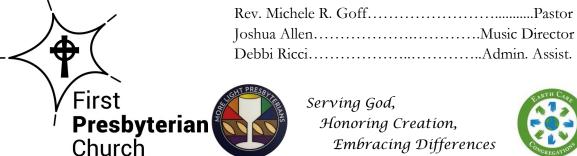
POSTLUDE

Step By Step

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Ensemble

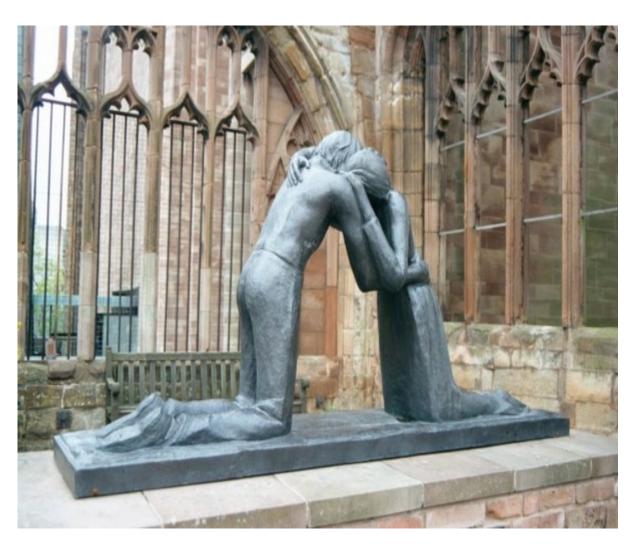
You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle. +These selections contain notes in the hymnal about their historical connection to the national and global celebration of Black History Month.



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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

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— Gathering — Thy Word PRELUDE **WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff ***OPENING SENTENCES** Liturgist: Steve Lowe We gather here as the body of Christ, God's servants working together. God call us to worship, to hear the good news and sing our praise, for we are the hands and feet of Jesus here and now. *PRAYER OF THE DAY +They'll Know We Are Christians *Нүмм #300 CONFESSION Almighty God, you set before us life and prosperity, but we turn towards death and adversity. We do not listen to your commandments, we bow down to other gods: convenience, self-reliance, greed, bitterness. Break us of our longing for gods we can see and touch. Turn us back to you, mysterious and mighty God, that we may observe your commandments, and walk in your ways. **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** God is always offering us another chance. God is always offering life and abundance. Turn to God and receive the good news: Yesterday, today, tomorrow, we are forgiven! Alleluia! *GLORIA #582, V1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Bible p. 179, LG p. 233

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening. The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*. 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 SECOND TESTAMENT READING Bible p. 156-157, LG p. 203 Hear God's word for us. A new teaching, with authority! *Thanks be to God.* GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37 Bible p. 4-5, LG p. 5-6 Hear God's wisdom for us. The wisdom of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. You've Heard It Said Rev. Michele Goff Sermon ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE - Response -*Нуми #626 As the Deer ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08 In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

... These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, our Savior and Lord. Amen. LORD'S PRAYER Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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