



Celebrating Black History

February 5, 2012

A Meditation before Worship

**Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering---
remembering and not using your right to hit back.**

It's a second chance for a new beginning.

**And the remembering part is particularly important.
Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened.**

- Desmond Tutu

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Gathering the Community

*Our focus for February:
Remembering Past, Envisioning Future*

PRELUDES *"Anitphons II & III"* -Marcel Dupre
Jon DeHorn, Organist

WELCOME Dr. Sharon L. Mook

INTROIT *"There is a Balm in Gilead"* - African American Spiritual
The Fort Street Chorale
Edward Kingins, Music Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 12)* Wale Kinni-Adebayo

One: Hear, O people of God:
our God is One and Holy.

**Many: We are called to love God with all our hearts,
with all our souls, with all our strength.**

One: We are called to love one another
with unwavering, steadfast love.

**Many: Remember God's call to us.
Recall the words of the Holy One
--teach these words to our children.**

One: Remember the path on which God has led you.
Remember. Do not forget.
Teach your children. Teach us our heritage.
Teach us to trust in Divine Love.

**Many: We remember, we recall.
We will remind our children of their heritage,
wherever we are, through all of our days.**

One: We follow where Spirit leads,
looking back, looking forward;

**All: Searching for companions on the way
--all along our pilgrim journey.**

*HYMN # 363 *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

COMMUNITY PRAYER *(in unison)* Itayemi Kinni-Olusanyin

Creating God of Love, our world is not what you want it to be, and not what we want it to be. Our relationships are not as healing as they could be. Our communities are not as welcoming as they should be. Our world is not as just and peaceful as it would be, if we allowed the intensity of your love to enter our lives, filling each of our beings with wholeness and life.

Fill us with Divine Love, and give us the strength and the courage to love you with our whole selves. Give us a daring spirit that risks loving one another as you love us. Give us the wisdom and the desire to make our relationships, our communities, our world, places of truth and justice, peace and love.

SILENT PRAYERS

RESPONSE *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use"* (# 369, v.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!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Wale Kinni-Adebayo

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Matthew 22: 34 - 40 Wale Kinni-Adebayo
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Tim Watts

THE SECOND READING Deuteronomy 6: 1 - 12 Itayemi Kinni-Olusanyin
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *"We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace"* -Hogan
The Fort Street Chorale
Edward Kingins, Music Director

SERMON **"Why Black History Month?"** Dr. Sharon L. Mook

*HYMN #563 *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

THE RESPONSE

*THE IMMIGRANT CREED *(in unison)* Itayemi Kinni-Olusanyin

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner, but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner, and for all believers who constitute it, who speak different languages but have the same purpose.

I believe that the Communion of the Saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness, which makes us all equal, and in the reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality. I believe that, in the resurrection, God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be an immigrant, but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end.

*RESPONSE *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use"* (# 369, v.1 and 2)

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT
(Feel free to use the language and words closest to your heart)

Dr. Mook

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Great Day"
Rebekah Awood, Soprano
The Fort Street Chorale

-Dennard

*DOXOLOGY#591

**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

Itayemi Kinni-Olusanyin

*HYMN #372

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Mook

(You are invited to sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Sevenfold Amen"
The Fort Street Chorale
Edward Kingins, Music Director

POSTLUDE

"Antiphon I"
Jon DeHorn, Organist

-Marcel Dupre

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***You are invited to rise in body or spirit as you are able**

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, refreshments will be served in the Great Hall. Please join us!

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Large Print Hymnals
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Itayemi Kinni-Olusanyin
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We are delighted that you are here!

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