



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

February 2, 2020

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment.

(*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude: "Peace to My Soul" - William Barnett

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: MV 2 "Come All You People"*

Centering Time for Worship

Joining the Crowd

**Invitation to Community*

Let us cross over to the other side

The side to which Jesus calls us

Prepared to be touched

By the Spirit, by the power of the Divine

Prepare to be healed

By the eternal hand of the Creator

**Gathering Prayer*

Holy One, may our souls be still, and remind us that you are by our side.

Cajole us into being moved and moving, travelling in your light and

following our call. We pray that your peace will compel us to stretch our faith and extend our love. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer.

Amen

**Hymn: MV 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"*

Candles of Joy and Concern

What's Your Favourite Number?

Preparation for Proclamation:

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms

throughout the night, living in the light.

**Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

Scriptures: Reader: Kenneth Gray
Psalm 131, VU 834 Mark 5.21-43

Solo: "Deep River" – traditional - soloist Arlene Gray

Reflection:

Response: MV 167 "Hush! Hush!"

Hush! Hush!

Somebody's callin' mah name. (3x)

Oh mah Lord, oh mah Lord, what shall I do?

Called to Offer Healing Touch

Offering: "Soon and Very Soon" - Andrae Croutch

**Hymn of Presentation:* VU 218 "We Praise You, O God"

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

**Prayer of Dedication:*

**May these offerings liberate us to reach out in faith, reach out in love,
reach out in confidence. Amen.**

*Prayers of the Faithful: **Prayer of Lamentation***

In many Black traditions, "hush" is a word of comfort, not a word of silencing. It is what a loving parent might say to console a child who has fallen and hurt themselves; it is a word of comfort, reassurance, and love often used when someone is acutely experiencing pain, grief, or suffering. Today, as we celebrate Black History Month, we pause to lament and sing words of comfort to those who are deeply feeling the pain of racism and anti-Black violence...

Sung refrain: MV 167 "Hush! Hush!"

Hush! Hush!

Somebody's callin' mah name. (3x)

Oh mah Lord, oh mah Lord, what shall I do?

God, we lament a world where

the quality of a child's life can still be accurately predicted by the colour of their skin;

Black and Brown skin tones are perceived as weapons;

White supremacy goes unchallenged;

discrimination is expected and planned for; and

racism is known to be woven into the fabric of society.

Lord, what shall we do?

Sung refrain: MV 167 "Hush! Hush!"

Hush! Hush!

Somebody's callin' mah name. (3x)

Oh mah Lord, oh mah Lord, what shall I do? [silence]

God, we remember our children who have inherited racism overtly through the teaching of hate, and covertly through the lived experience of prejudice. We lament that children have the unfair burden to unlearn the lessons of discrimination that they have been taught. We lament that children are fighting against low expectations placed on them by a biased society. And we lament the children who are angry when chastised for reflecting back the hateful language they have been taught.

Lord, what shall we do?

Sung refrain: MV 167 "Hush! Hush!"

Hush! Hush!

Somebody's callin' mah name. (3x)

Oh mah Lord, oh mah Lord, what shall I do? [silence]

Followed by the Lord's Prayer (spoken)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

*Communion Hymn: VU 479 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

The Communion Prayer (see insert)

Fraction and Distribution

**Hymn: VU 575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

**Sending Forth:*

Step out into the crowd

We will reach out to others

Trust that the Holy is with you

As we offer hope and healing

Be at peace

For God is at our side

**Concluding Rite: VU #87 I Am the Light of the World*

"I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!"

If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery

of what you were meant to do and be.

Postlude: "I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't-a That Good News?"

-Traditional Spiritual arr. Larry Shackley

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

Thank You to Ushers, Greeters, Elevator Monitors, Offertory Collectors and Refreshment Angels.

AV: Ted Shaw PowerPoint: Patti Shaw

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