



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

February 9, 2020

The Fifth 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: "He's Got the Whole World" - improv - A. Gray

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU 697 "O for a World"*

Centering Time for Worship

Going to the House of God

**Invitation to Community*

Rejoice and be glad

As we gather in the house of the Holy

In this space is community

Holding in common the love of the Creator

May there be peace within these walls

May there be peace outside these walls

**Gathering Prayer*

Holy One, who has fashioned us in the image of your love,

as we come together, refresh and renew us, so that

we may be faithful, and honest, and loving, walking

in your Creation to a place of peace and justice. Amen

**Hymn: MV 145 "Draw the Circle Wide"*

Candles of Joy and Concern

Jesus, the Carpenter?

Preparation for Proclamation: VU 82 (Chorus)

**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: Shelly Joyes

Psalm 122, VU 845 Mark 6.1-29

Anthem: "Bound for the Promised Land" – arr. Lloyd Larson

Reflection:

Response: "This Little Light of Mine"

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. - Negro Spiritual**

Minute for Mission: Penny Carson

Praying for the Peace of Jerusalem

Offering: "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" - traditional

**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 bring Peace within these walls,
and peace outside these walls, so all of creation
may be housed in the house of the Lord. Amen**

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us praise God together in prayer.

Sung Response: "Hush! Hush!" (More Voices 167)

How good it is to sing praises of your goodness, God;

for you have called us each here,
and have marked us with a desire to learn about the gospel.

We come with many names:

terms of endearment that we cherish
and labels that we seek to one day destroy.

But you call us by one name, beloved.

We remember your healing acts of salvation.

We remember how you gathered the dislocated
and dispersed Black peoples in Nova Scotia

to build communities
and relearn cultures that were torn away.

We remember the Maroons,

who with their hands built a mighty fortress on a hill.

We remember Viola Desmond, Harriet Tubman,

Frederick Douglass, Lincoln Alexander, Michaëlle Jean,

Wilbert Howard, and other heroes and she-roes of the faith that we name
to you now...

(pause)

Sung Response

We remember how your everlasting love

healed the self-esteem and rebuilt the self-worth of Black peoples
who were stripped of their human rights and dignity.

We remember that you continue to heal the brokenhearted and bind up
their wounds.

In the silence of our hearts we bring to you those in need of your healing...

(silent reflection)

How good it is, O God, to remember your steadfast presence.

With hands in the air we offer you all of the things that we can no longer
carry on our own:

our burdens, our worries, and our concerns...

We offer to you all of the situations that we feel ill-equipped for...

(name/list prayers for the world and local community)

(silent reflection)

When we feel downtrodden by our burdens and weary to the point of collapse,
when we find ourselves in exile, help us to hear the words of the prophet:
“Those who wait for the Lord shall...mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)
Hush, our weary souls, God, and remind us once more of your everlasting love.

Sung Response

Amen. - *Prepared and written by Alydia Smith*

**Hymn: MV 209 “Go, Make a Diff’rence”*

**Sending Forth:*

Peace be with you

A peace that disturbs

We have been given authority over unclean spirits

We shall be faithful to the task

Shake the dust off of your feet

As we run to proclaim God’s love

**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: “Swing Low Sweet Chariot” - arr. By Teresa Wilhelmi