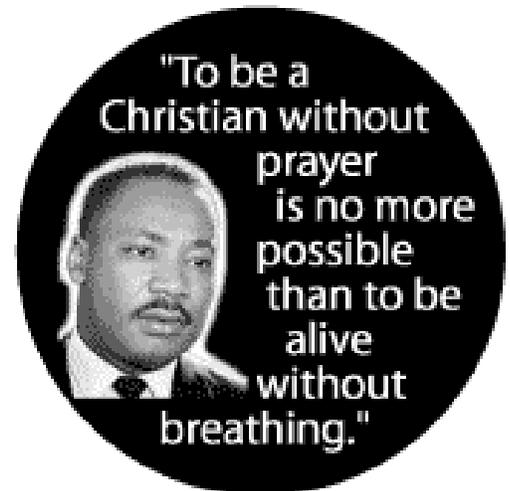




**Order of Worship for  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
JANUARY 17, 2021, 10:30am  
(Hymn texts are printed within  
the body of this bulletin.)**



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

Go Down, Moses

*Bob Gilbert, Piano*

*(Featuring archival footage from the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs.)*

OPENING PRAYER

**O God,  
You spoke your word  
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.  
Fill all creation with that word again,  
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations  
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,  
we may become one living body,  
your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35 (selected verses) (NRSV)

Liturgist: Kathryn Lewis

<sup>35</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God...

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,<sup>[b]</sup>

but it shall be for God’s people;<sup>[c]</sup>

no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray...

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### HYMN

Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing

**Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

*The Beatitudes*

He said:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SOLO

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*Stewart Battle, Baritone*

REFLECTIONS: How Long? Not Long.

*Cheryl Thomas, Andre Keitt, Steven Lewis*

SOLO

We Shall Walk Through the Valley of Peace

*Stewart Battle, Baritone*

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

HYMN

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the  
slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

BENEDICTION

MUSIC RESPONSE

*Stewart Battle, Baritone*

*Our thanks to the everyone who  
created today's service.  
Go in peace!*

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