



All Glory: Brush Drawing Meditations on the Prayer of Consecration (SSJE 1947).
St. Francis Anglican Church, Dallas, TX
Allan Rohan Crite, (1919-2007), African American

Despite the denial, despite the tragedy, despite the suffering, black folks, colored folks, Negro, Afro-Americans, claim America. This was your country, and so the loyalty, and this is the mystery of it all, was so strong that you never, even as we worked in war plants, even as we brought our crippled back, even as we buried our dead and got flags – we were not fighting for someone else. We too were America, and we only wanted the chance and the opportunity that we could have to sit at the table."

*Dr. Thelma C. Davidson Adair (b. 1920)
first African-American woman moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
concerning African American participation in WW2, in an interview on American Public Radio
(americanradioworks.publicradio.org).*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 24, 2019

10:45 a.m.

*Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Childcare for infants and preschoolers is provided all morning in the nursery,
the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit.
Children attending Church School will be escorted
by teachers to class following "Time with Faith Kids."*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

Prelude This Little Light of Mine

setting Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

*Call to Worship a prayer of Howard Thurman

Adelaide Cooke

One: Open unto me,

All: Light for my darkness.

One: Open unto me,

All: Courage for my fear.

One: Open unto me,

All: Hope for my despair.

One: Open unto me,

All: Peace for my turmoil.

One: Open unto me,

All: Joy for my sorrow.

One: Open unto me,

All: Strength for my weakness.

One: Open unto me,

All: Wisdom for my confusion.

One: Open unto me,

All: Forgiveness for my sins.

One: Open unto me,

All: Love for my hates.

One: Open unto me,

All: Thyself for myself. Lord, Lord open unto me.

*Hymn 728 Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

Prayer of Confession a prayer of Kapinga Eseté in *Walking with Africans (PCUSA)*

One: O God, enlarge my heart

All: That it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.

One: Stretch my heart

All: That it may take into it all those who with me around the world believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Stretch it

All: That it may take into it all those who do not know Jesus, but who are my responsibility because I know him.

One: And stretch it

All: That it may take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes, and whose hands I do not want to touch, through Jesus Christ my savior... *silent prayer*

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me. *verse 1* GLORY TO GOD
Written as a tribute to the gospel style by Paul Vasile, who served a multicultural church in New York City

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.

***The Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Time with Faith Kids

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)
melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Lesson 1 Kings 18:20-45

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

"Clashing Symbols"

Rev. Speers

***Hymn 729** Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Prayers of the People

A litany prayer with the response:

God of Light,

Lord hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Shout for Joy

arr. Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

O Lord! Early in the morning, shout for joy! Late in the evening, feel like shouting, feel like praying. O Lord, shout for joy

***Doxology 605**

DA N'ASE

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three in One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Three in One.**

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

a prayer of Augustine, 3c bishop of Hippo, North Africa

O Lord our Savior, you who have admonished us that you will require much of those to whom much is given, grant that we whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; to the fulfilment of your holy will, and our own everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Hymn 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

I'M GONNA LIVE

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Postlude Hold On

setting Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*
Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Adelaide Cooke, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir**

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study

Join Faith every Wednesday at 11:00 in the Woodbourne Room. No preparation is required.

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. Woodmont Room

Black History Month

February 24 **The Wit & Wisdom of Martin Luther King Jr.**

Led by Dr. Arthur Sutherland

Lenten Movie Series 5:30 Sunday evenings in Lent

Bring a dish to share and be home by 9:00

Mar 10 - RBG - Critically acclaimed documentary about the life and career of Supreme Court Justice and cultural icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg; **Mar 17 - Free Solo** - thrilling story of the most daring rock climb of Yosemite's El Capitan without ropes or any safety equipment; **Mar 24 - 20 Feet from Stardom** - story of the voices behind the greatest rock, pop, and r & b hits of all time: the background singers for legendary music stars; **Mar 31 - Into the Arms**

of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport - the moving story of how Jewish children were sent to Great Britain by their parents during World War II to protect them from Hitler.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Workdays for the McCabe Project are **March 9, 15, 22 and 23**. There is a maximum of 5 people per day. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you can work any of the dates. Nrew62@msn.com or 410-207-7190.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope

Book Club 7:00, Monday February 25

In case you missed it in the Voice of Faith, in February we will be reading *The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by **Jonas Jonasson**. It is about a man who takes on the adventure of a lifetime at age 100. He is not ready for the nursing home. He has already witnessed some of the most important events of the 20th century and is ready for more adventures. The Sperlings will host.

Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Lemons!

Fresh fruit is more than scarce at the CARES pantry during the winter. So, the Deacons have decided to use money donated to the pantry last month as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring to purchase fresh fruit every week to be delivered to the pantry. Our church friends donated almost \$300 on Souper Bowl Sunday. We will purchase \$30 worth of fruit every week for the next ten weeks. If you would like to help extend this effort, you can donate to the pantry by using a pew envelope and mark your donation for the CARES pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Nominating Committee Update

As was announced at our Annual Meeting in January, the Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for members to become church officers. If you have anyone you would like to nominate to serve as elders or deacons, please forward these names to **Kay Ballard**, Nominating Committee Chair via cell phone 410-608-0252, email at kayhballard@gmail.com, or in person. Also, you may give the names to **Mary Speers** who will forward them appropriately. All names will be kept confidential! The Nominating Committee will convene in mid-March, and we appreciate your help and support.

Prayer Chain & Uncuffed Ministries

As you know, Uncuffed Ministries is renting office space from our church in the "old fellowship hall." John Runsak, the director, spoke about this program at an adult forum several months ago. At that time, he spoke of the power of prayer in the lives of the youth he and his volunteers work with in area detention centers. We have been added to Uncuffed's prayer list, and we will be praying for the volunteers and youth. The Deacons have long maintained a prayer chain. If you would like to be added to our prayer chain, please speak with Susan Minor or Sharon Will at 41willsharon@gmail.com.

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce

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