



Alabama state troopers attack John Lewis at the Edmund Pettus Bridge
Bloody Sunday, March 7, 1965

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 9, 2020

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.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary B. Speers

Prelude City Called Heaven

setting Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

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

*Call to Worship

Andy Fuller

One: With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

**All: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?**

One: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**All: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"**

One: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;

**All: What does the Lord require of us but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

~ from Micah 6: 6-8

*Hymn 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Prayer of Confession

adapted from a meditation of Howard Thurman on verse 2 of Hymn 729

All: Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

One: Often there are good and sufficient reasons for exercising what seems a clean direct resentment. Again and again, I find it hard to hold in check the sharp retort, the biting comeback when it seems that someone has done violence to my self-respect and decent regard. How natural it seems to "give as good as I get," to "take nothing lying down," to announce to all and sundry in a thousand ways that "Nobody can run over me and get away with it."

**All: All this is part of the thicket in which my heart gets caught again
and again.**

One: Deep within me, I want to be more loving—to glow with a warmth that will take the chill off the room which I share with those whose lives touch mine in the traffic of my goings and comings.

All: Lord, I want to be more loving. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria

Spiritual

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down! (repeat)

*The Peace of Christ

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

All: **And also with you.**

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Moment 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.

First Lesson Matthew 5:1-14

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Second Lesson I Corinthians 2:1-5

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

"Looking Good on Wood"

Rev. Speers

***Hymn 792** There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Prayers of the People & 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 Kum Ba Ya

arr. Terry Kirkland

***Offering Response** *reprise refrain of Hymn 633*

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord! (repeat)

Dedication of Self and Substance

Through giving, you make us more loving, O God. The more you give to us, the more we grow to love you. The more we give of your gifts to us, the more you teach us to be like Jesus in our hearts. May this ever be so, as we follow Jesus, walk his way, and pray in his strong name. 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

***Benediction**

The service concludes following the postlude

Postlude Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"

arr. Carl Haywood
(b. 1949)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, Interim Pastor
Samuel Springer, Minister of Music
Andy Fuller, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February has long been officially designated Black History Month. Many of our hymns and prayers this month will come from Africa and the African Diaspora down through the ages. If you have a favorite poem, prayer, or song from this diverse group of traditions, please let Rev. Speers or the office know, and we'll do our best to work it in—either this month or in months to come. There's no need to limit ourselves to February!

Deacons Meeting Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

February Adult Forum Sundays 9:15 – Woodmont Room

"The Content of Our Character" led by **Dr. Arthur Sutherland**

In his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. said he dreamed of the day when all Americans "will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Today, as the current political crisis shows, good character is under assault from all sides. This four week series will explore the causes and results of poor character through the lenses of the Bible and theology.

Book Club February 24 7:00

The Book Club will discuss, *A Woman of No Importance*. In this fast-paced bio **Sonia Purnell** tells the story of Virginia Hall, an American spy who worked undercover in France during WW II for Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE).

Walter P. Carter School

The remaining Walter P. Carter Family/Community Engagement Nights are as follows:

February 18: African American History, Culture, and Talent Exposition

March 17: "Know Your Rights" (when interacting with law enforcement) and Self-Defense Night

April 21: Holistic Wellness Night

May 19: STEAM and Science Fair Night

All are Tuesday nights, and the time is 5:30-7:30. The school is located at 1101 Winston Ave. If you are interested in getting involved, please email **Karen Meyers** (karencmeyers@gmail.com) or let Diane know.

Nursery Attendant Needed

A volunteer is needed each Sunday to cover the nursery. See **Robin Nemser** or put your name on the sign-up sheet by the nursery door.

CARES Pantry

Your donation, large or small, of any non-perishable food will make a difference. On behalf of GEDCO CARES' clients, thank you for your continued outpouring of generosity. Food donations may be placed in the baskets outside the sanctuary doors. Please continue to donate to the Bread Fund; your gifts are used to purchase fresh produce.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce Beverly Baker Nan Pohl

Please Pray for Our PNC

Karen Burd Paula Burger
Neil Nemser Pat Nesbitt
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Natalie Wallace Mozella Williams

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