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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Black History Sunday

WE GATHER

Prelude
Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **Where Two or Three Are Gathered**

MV 14

Greeting *(traditional African-American)*

God is good,
all the time.
All the time,
God is good.

Opening Words.....

Come and hear the good news: You are God's beloved.
With you God is well pleased. Even if you are not perfect!

We are God's beloved.

God has given the rainbow as a sign;

God has promised to be with all of creation, no matter what.

So come. In confidence and hope, let us worship God.

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We pray....

God of creation and covenant, of rainbows and resurrection,
You love all of creation, and you have promised to love us.

**Not even the clouds of our carelessness or the floods of our fears
can get in the way of your radiant, radical redemption.**

Be with us now, as we gather to praise you, source of the love and beauty
that is in us, and others.

**Send your Spirit that we might be drawn together as one, even as we
honour our differences.**

Give us wisdom that as the Body of Christ, we may bring healing and peace in the world that you love so much.

Thanks be to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Amen.

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Hymn: **Over My Head**

MV 88

Children's Time

Ring the Tone Bell *(invitation to a moment of quiet)*

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From Our Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17
John 8:31-32

From the World Around Us: History Lesson *by Natasha Trethewey*

Black History Presentation....Karen Hoshal

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **There Is A Balm In Gilead**

VU 612

Offering

Invitation

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

Dedication

We pray.....

Hymn: **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** **VU 400**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

Commissioning & Benediction

In a world where we have, in the past, enslaved and dehumanized others,
we go to treat each person with dignity and respect.

In a world where profit is valued more than human life,
we go to proclaim the priceless worth of each person.

In a world where the ugliness of racism and White supremacy is found,
we go to show that love conquers all social ills.

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted;

honour everyone;

Go forth to love and serve the Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Going Forth: **We Are Marching**

VU 646

Postlude