



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE: "He Touched Me" (Bill Gaither)

Tim Barnes, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* OPENING HYMN: "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" ..... United Methodist Hymnal # 519

\* OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, we come to worship you today with open hearts and open minds. We want to hear and receive what you have to say to us in this service. Speak to us today as you spoke to those who went before us. Tell us the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us once again of your grace and love. Help us teach your goodness to our children and the next generation. Amen.**

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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Welcome to worship, God's beloved! **YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER LITANY: "How Long?" (based on Psalm 13)

Christ, You share our poverty. You dwell with us in our food deserts. Every day you know it seems the same, the struggle for life never ceasing.

**How long do we have to wait to enter your promised land?**

Jesus, You hear the lies told about us. We are not lazy. We do not waste anything you have given us. Every day you join us as we struggle to pay our bills.

**How long do we have to wait to enter your promised land?**

Savior, You know that we are being cheated out of our wages. We work hard. We are essential workers. Every day we pray for your strength to struggle through each and every day.

**How long do we have to wait to enter your promised land?**

Human One, You know how it is to live rough on the streets with no place to lay your head. The rent is too high. We have no place to go. Every day you join us as we seek a place to shelter.

**How long do we have to wait to enter your promised land?**

Holy One, You have faith in us and we trust in you. You never leave our side. You are always there to give us encouragement and support. Every day you join with us and hope for a better day.

**No matter how long the journey takes, we know that together we shall enter into your promised land. May it be today. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAYER: "Kum Ba Yah" ..... United Methodist Hymnal # 494

THE PRAYER OF JESUS [*You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.*]

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner

sent them out to the vineyard. About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, and said to them, 'You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair.' At that they left. Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 'No one has hired us,' they replied. The owner said, 'You go to my vineyard, too.' When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first.' When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full days' pay, and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage. Thereupon they complained to the owner, 'This last group did only an hour's work, but you've put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat.' 'My friends,' said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, 'I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn't you? Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. I'm free to do as I please with my money, aren't I? Or are you envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first and the first will be last."

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE: "Unmask Oppression"

Rev. Alka Lyall

#### THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

*[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]*

Poet, Khaled Mattawa, asks: "Now that we've come out of hiding, why would we live again in the tombs we'd made out of our souls?" May our souls be resurrected from any tombs we have made. May we co-create a world so safe and loving, that there be no reason to hide in fear. We gather our shared resources this day, that it may be so.



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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Living Christ, free our spirits of any kernel of revenge and cruelty. Direct us, instead, toward collective repair and right action. When we feel ourselves slipping into apathy and despair, place your hands on either side of our face and gaze upon us with your Connecting Love. Bless our offerings to our hard-earned hope toward everyday resurrection. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "We Are Marching in the Light of God" . . . . . The Faith We Sing # 2235

#### \*BENEDICTION

Through the witnessing of beauty, may we encounter wonder. Through the tenderness *[continued...]*

of kind relationships, may we experience care. In our anger over injustice, may we connect with courageous action. In all the ordinary aches and joys of being alive, the presence of God is with us. Go in that confidence, and may God bless you always! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "I Gotta New Home/When We All Get to Heaven"

Robert Galbreath

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