



## LIFE GUIDANCE

HONORING BLACK PRESBYTERIANS  
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# Welcome to Worship!

## Gathering Music

### Welcome

### Introit

Soon and Very Soon

### Call to Worship

One: The Apostle Paul wrote: We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; Persecuted, but not forsaken; Cast down, but not destroyed.

***All: We gather to celebrate our connection to African American history that tells us of a people whose faith in God, hope in the future, and love for one another sustained them through every kind of trouble.***

One:: As we gather for worship, we remember the sacrifices and faith of these courageous people.

***All: May the Spirit guide our feet, focus our minds, and sustain our hearts as we strive to serve this present age with justice, love, and peace at the center.***

### Song

Lead Me Guide Me

*Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.*

*Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.*

*Help me through the darkness, your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)*

## Time with Young Disciples

### Song

Come! Live in the Light!

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!*

*We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!*

*We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. (Refrain)*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

***All: Compassionate God, you sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin in the world and in ourselves. We need your help. create in us new hearts and enlarged visions so that we can***

**see the image of God in every person. Help us be more generous in our love of others as we work towards ending the injustice of racism and injustice and creating communities where every person can thrive.**

(Please take a moment to bring your personal confession to God.)

One: In Christ we pray

**All: Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace**

One: Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

## **Response**

Heaven Is Singing for Joy

*Heaven is singing for joy. Alleluia.*

*For in your life and in mine is shining the glory of God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## **Scripture**

Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 5:7-20

## **Sermon**

Life Guidance

## **Song**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say?

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.*

*Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.*

*Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.*

*Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (Refrain)*

## **Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

You can make your weekly offering online by using this code, placing it in the box in the narthex, or bringing/mailling it to the office..



## Offering Prayer

***Gracious and loving God, the giver of all things, we thank you that we are able to come to you in joy and celebration of our Black Presbyterian siblings. We offer ourselves and all that we have to you knowing that all of what we have comes from you. Bless our offerings that they may be used to bring peace and healing in our church and beyond. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.***

## The Lord's Supper

**Preparation of the Table**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: May God be with you.

***All: And also with you.***

One: Lift up your hearts

***All: We lift them up to God.***

One: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

***All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.***

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Feast**

**Prayer of Gratitude**

## Song

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (3x)*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

## Benediction

As we go, encourage one another with the Peace of Christ.

## Sending Music