

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 30, 2022

10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Pre-service Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

Air

Andy Potts

Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Karen

— from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

We gather to worship God,

who creates us and loves us;

who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages:

to seek justice, share power,

and live together in love and equality;

who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

and whose presence, grace, and love

sustain us in our living.

We gather to worship the God of justice and mercy.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

Opening Song

Justice and Mercy

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Matt Redman

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Chorus

You've put a new song in my mouth | It is a hymn of praise to You

Justice and mercy are its theme | And I will live it back to You

Verse 1

The kind of fast You've chosen Lord | It must reach out

To broken lives and to the poor | So change me Lord

I know You are the orphan's hope | I know You are the widow's song

O Lord You're showing me | What's on Your heart

Chorus

You've put a new song in my mouth | It is a hymn of praise to You

Justice and mercy are its theme | And I will live it back to You

Verse 2

Lord I won't bring an empty song | It's meaningless

Without compassion in my life and holiness | You're Father where no father lives

And to the lonely You're a friend | O Lord You're showing me | What's on Your heart

Chorus

You've put a new song in my mouth | It is a hymn of praise to You
Justice and mercy are its theme | And I will live it back to You

Bridge

I know You are the orphan's hope | I know You are the widow's song
You're Father where no father lives | And to the lonely You're a friend | You're a friend
O Lord, You're showing me what's on Your heart

Chorus

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Opening Prayer

Karen

~ The Rev. Iona MacLean, First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia, in *Change is Happening*, published by the Presbyterian World Service & Development, the development and relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Leader: *"Is this not the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (Isaiah 58:6)*

**All: God of compassion and justice,
the worship You choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free,
to share bread with the hungry,
to shelter the homeless poor.**

**Then Your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and Your healing shall spring up quickly.**

**So in praise and wonder, we come to worship You
not just with our words
but with our hearts and our lives.**

**Glory and honor be to You, O God,
Creator of a new heaven and a new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Jen

Proclamation and Response

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Old Testament Reading Proverbs 31:8-9

Karen

⁸ Speak out on behalf of the voiceless,
and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.

⁹ Speak out in order to judge with righteousness
and to defend the needy and the poor.

Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Chancel Singers [\(video\)](#)

James Weldon Johnson | J. Rosamond Johnson | arr. Bill Myers

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:7-13

Karen

⁷ “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ “Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Wholly Christian: Justice

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Response

Open

Chancel Singers ([video](#))

Tracy Tambaoan, soloist

Binion | Gillespie | Mehrens | arr. Robertson

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A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (Contemporary Version)

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

you are mine, and I am yours.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

For the Healing of the Nations

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Fred Kaan | John Hughes

Verse 1

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word
Help us rise and pledge our word

Verse 2

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase
Fear will die and hope increase

Verse 3

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span
May we hallow life's brief span

Verse 4

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find
Earth its destiny may find

Sending Forth

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Variations on CWM Rhondda

Andy Potts

~Arr. Hal H. Hopson