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January 27, 2019  
*Season of Epiphany*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

Last August, our music ministry introduced a hymn of the month series in which the chosen hymn is sung in the morning and evening worship services, taught to our children's choirs, and sometimes even sung in the nursery.

The hymn for January is "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a song written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson and later set to music by his brother, John Rosamond Johnson.

Many African Americans regard this song as a "national anthem" because of its profound association with the struggle for equality and civil rights in the USA. It is taught at an early age in African American homes, schools, and churches.

The songwriters crafted the lyrics and tune to show that God is our peace even in the worst of circumstances. The stanzas and mood of the song move from celebration through a gloomy description of circumstance into an intense longing for God to remain ever present. Additionally, while the mood of the stanzas becomes increasingly intense in its description of suffering, each stanza concludes with a positive affirmation of trust and hope. Thus, this song is a prayer that, no matter how harsh our circumstances, no matter how much we suffer, we remain in God's embrace. For He alone is our hope and is with us, even in the "weary years" and "silent tears."

## SING PRAISES TO OUR KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Major" . . . . . J.S. Bach  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: Meditation from "Thaïs" . . . . . Jules Massenet  
*Clay Hancock, violin; Jill Peak, piano*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" . . . . . arr. Roland Carter

Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty,  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies.  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

*Spirit and Song Choir  
Christy Young, director  
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 302 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" . . . . . MADRID

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Q. 31. . . . . Betty Eubank (8:15)  
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Why is Jesus called "The Christ"?

**Because He has been ordained by God the Father  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit  
to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us  
the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;  
our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us,  
and who continually intercedes for us before the Father;  
and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit  
and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.**

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

# RECEIVE GRACE FROM OUR KING

## LITANY OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, in love, You sent Your Son,  
but we do not follow Him as King.  
You command, but we do not obey.  
You bless us, but we do not thank You.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, You accept us, but we do not accept others.  
You forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us.  
You love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

**Please forgive and help us.**

Lord, You showed us how to carry out Your mission,  
but we still insist on our own.  
You suffered and died for the sake of all,  
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation  
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . .Ephesians 1:7-8

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.*

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" . . . . . arr. Roland Carter

Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty,  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies.  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died  
Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come  
To the place for which our fathers sighed.

We have come, O, we have come over a way that with tears has been water'd.  
O, we have come treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughter'd  
Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way.  
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee  
Shadow'd beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand  
True to our God, true to our native land. Amen.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Brandon Terry

## ✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

# HEAR THE CALL OF CHRIST, OUR KING

♠PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "The Sands of Time" . . . . . Connie Dever

*Ensemble:*

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,  
The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;  
Dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.

♠*Congregation stands and sings:*

2. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the deep, sweet well of love!  
3. O I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed's mine!  
4. The Bride eyes not her gar - ment but her dear Bride-groom's face;

The streams on earth I've tast - ed more deep I'll drink a - bove;  
He brings a poor vile sin - ner in - to his "house of wine."  
I will not gaze at glo - ry but on my King of grace.

there to an o - cean ful - ness his mer - cy doth ex - pand,  
I stand up - on his mer - it — I know no oth - er stand,  
Not at the crown he giv - eth but on his pierc - ed hand;

and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Im-man-uel's land.  
not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth in Im-man-uel's land.  
the Lamb is all the glo - ry of Im-man-uel's land.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON . . . . . Genesis 12:1-7  
(pages 8 in pew Bible)

SERMON *Gospel Priorities: The Call* Stephen Ro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 585 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" . . . . . HENDON

✦BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fugue in G Major" . . . . . J.S. Bach

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

# Gospel Priorities

**Each Sunday in January, a guest pastor has addressed themes from Martin Luther King's sermon on Luke 4:18-19 during morning and evening worship.**

## Our Speaker Today

Stephen Ro gave his life to Jesus at the age of 13 and committed himself to God to be a pastor one day. After confirming a call to ministry, he entered Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia where he received an M. Div in 1991. He planted Living Faith Community Church in Queens through the Redeemer Church Planting Center in 2000. Ro is a Board Member of East Asia Missions, Korean Diaspora Leadership Center, and Kingdom Movement and is a catalyst and trainer for Redeemer City to City Asia Pacific.

## Getting Connected at Second

A pastor will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing [firstname.lastname@2pc.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@2pc.org).

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