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Welcome!
 Joining us today to deliver this morning's message is:
Elder, Ralph Lowe
 Director of Justice Ministries



BOLD print – ALL join to read

***please stand if you are able**

Being a community of devoted believers, we are:

Gathered by the Holy Spirit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT of PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN † This is My Father's World**

<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the wonders wrought.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.</p>
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A LITANY ADAPTATION OF "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING!" (BOLD print ALL READ)

Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.

***Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening 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 parents sighed.***

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering. Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet; Remembering lives and freedom stolen.

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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A LITANY ADAPTATION OF "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING!"

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go. Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

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;

Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power, love, and joy.

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

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.

Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land. rue to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming, thanks be to God.

Growing in faith

*PRAISE SONG † Total Praise

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

***You are the source of my strength; You are the strength of my life;
I lift my hands in total praise to You.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.***

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I lift my hands in total praise to You.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.***

PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE † Galatians 3: 23-29

SERMON

"Juneteenth"

Elder, Ralph Lowe, Director of Justice Ministries

AFFIRMATION of FAITH † Confession of Belhar *excerpt*

We believe:

- That God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;
- That the credibility of this message is seriously affected, and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- That any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation sanction in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

***PRAISE SONG † Father's Eyes**

I may not be every mother's dream for her little girl
And my face may not grace the mind of everyone in the world
But that's all right, as long as I can have one wish I pray
When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say

CHORUS

***She's got her Father's Eyes her Father's Eyes
Eyes that find the good in things when good is not around
Eyes that find the source of help when help just can't be found
Eyes full of compassion Seeing every pain
Knowing what you're going through
And feeling it the same***

Just like my Father's Eyes
My Father's Eyes My Father's Eyes
Just like my Father's Eyes

And on that day when we will pay for all the deeds we have done
Good and bad they'll all be had to see by everyone
And when you're called to stand and tell just what you saw in me
More than anything I know I want your words to be - **CHORUS**

Just like my Father's Eyes
My Father's Eyes My Father's Eyes
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My Father's Eyes My Father's Eyes
Just like my Father's Eyes

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with 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 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.

Going to share the good news of God's love

OFFERING of OUR LIVES & GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

***CLOSING PRAISE SONG † Go Light Your World**

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

***Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world***

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***CLOSING PRAISE SONG † Go Light Your World**

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

***Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world***

We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

***Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world - REPEAT***

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***SENDING † Awesome God**

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love -
our God is an awesome God! (repeat two times)**

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