

Worship September 27, 2020
White Privilege from a Biblical Perspective:
The Impacts of Systemic Racism on People of Color

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Pre Song – If we are the Body

Welcome And Announcements (Dana)

- Welcome everyone at home and in person —
 - Reminder -- if you are at home, pretty much everything you need will be on your screen – liturgy and lyrics – you are set. Consider hosting a watch party
 - If you are in the parking lot, you need the liturgy and lyrics to songs. You also need masks if you are out of your car.
 - Everyone --you want to get bread and wine or juice for communion near the end of the service.

- **Coming Up–**
 - Today, we continue our sermon series on white privilege – it is time.
 - PFLAG Meeting on Tuesday Sept 29 via zoom guest speaker
 - Pumpkin Painting on October 3 from 10 to noon; helpers needed for this community eventAlso get ready for Halloween (Sat. Oct 31) – we'll be doing outside Trunk or Treat – we'll need help, so please consider coming out to hand out treats. Decorating your car is great, but even if you don't . . .

Next Sundays –

--- sermon series on white privilege continues next Sunday—if watching from home get a watch group together and discuss it
Look for email about heading inside – shooting for Sunday November 1.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Please join me in our opening prayer:

ALL: Lord God, we know that racism involves more than individual bad acts. It is also embedded in institutions and systems that keep

racism alive by perpetuating the lie that some of your children are less than others.

Create in us new minds and hearts, so we can see all people as our brothers and sisters. Give us grace and strength to rid ourselves of racial stereotypes, and empower us to create a nation that embraces the hopes and fears of people of all colors.

All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Song: *Black and White*, by Three Dog Night

**The ink is black, the page is white
Together we learn to read and write
A child is black, a child is white
The whole world looks upon the sight
A beautiful sight**

**And now a child can understand
That this is the law of all the land
All the land**

**The world is black, the world is white
It turns by day and then by night
A child is black, a child is white
Together they grow to see the light
To see the light**

**And now, at last, we plainly see
We'll have a dance of liberty
Liberty**

**The world is black, the world is white
It turns by day and then by night
A child is black, a child is white
The whole world looks upon the sight
A beautiful sight**

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Reading and Message
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Response Song: *Give Me Your Eyes*, by Brandon Heath

**Look down from a broken sky
Traced out by the city lights
My world from a mile high
Best seat in the house tonight
Touch down on the cold black top
Hold on for the sudden stop
Breathe in the familiar shock
Of confusion and chaos
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared**

**Give me Your eyes for just one second
Give me Your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing
Give me Your love for humanity
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me Your eyes so I can see**

**Step out on the busy street
See a girl and our eyes meet
Does her best to smile at me
To hide what's underneath
There's a man just to her right**

**Black suit and a bright red tie
Too ashamed to tell his wife
He's out of work he's buying time
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared**

**I've been here a million times
A couple of million eyes
Just move and pass me by
I swear I never thought that I was wrong
Well I want a second glance
So give me a second chance
To see the way You've seen the people all along**

Prayers of the People (Leader)

Leader: Please stand for the prayers. I will close each prayer request with the words, "We pray to the Lord" and our response together is:

ALL: "Lord hear our prayer!"

Leader Ending: All these things we pray in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

Introduction to Offering (Leader)

As this pandemic and lots of other challenges continue, the work of this church becomes more and more important. Financial giving is one way we can all participate in what God is doing here.

We can all participate in a number of ways -- by giving electronically through our website, by sending a gift by mail, or you can give now by using your phones and texting **833-523-0429**.

Offering Prayer (Leader)

Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:

Leader: Lord of Love:

ALL: Let us give with joy because we have received freely. Let us give generously because so many are in need. Let us give with love so that our wallets do not feel empty, but instead less burdensome. Amen.

Communion Prayer (Leader)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader:: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Song of Praise: *Lamb of God*, by Lori Anderson

Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)

**Lamb of God your cross of glory was the answer to our fall
With outstretched arms you took away the sin of us all**

Lamb of God Lamb of God

Your loving grace and endless mercy has

Healed Our broken world.

Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, (Lamb of God)

Grant us peace

Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution (Dana)

Communion Song: *If I had a Hammer*, by Peter, Paul and Mary

**If I had a hammer
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening
All over this land
I'd hammer out danger
I'd hammer out a warning
I'd hammer out love between
My brothers and my sisters, ah-ah
All over this land**

**If I had a bell
I'd ring it in the morning
I'd ring it in the evening
All over this land
I'd ring out danger
I'd ring out a warning
I'd ring out love between
My brothers and my sisters, ah-ah
All over this land**

**If I had a song
I'd sing it in the morning
I'd sing it in the evening
All over this world
I'd sing out danger
I'd sing out a warning
I'd sing out love between
My brothers and my sisters ah-ah
All over this land**

**I got a hammer
And I've got a bell
And I've got a song to sing
All over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's the song about love between
My brothers and my sisters
All over this land
All over this land
All over this land**

Communion Blessing (Dana)

Let this meal be a reminder of God's triumph -- love over death, hope over fear, and unity over division. Let us all be the message of new life we have experienced today.

ALL: Amen

Blessing (Dana)

Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Sending Song: *With Every Act of Love*, by Jason Gray

Sitting at the stoplight

He can't be bothered by the heart cry

Written on the cardboard in her hand

But when she looks him in the eye

His heart is broken open wide

And he feels the hand of God reach out through him

As heaven touches earth

Oh we bring the Kingdom come

Oh with every act of love

Jesus help us carry You

Alive in us Your light shines through

With every act of love

We bring the Kingdom come

There's silence at the table

He wants to talk but he's not able

For all the shame that's locked him deep inside

But her words are the medicine

When she says they can begin again

And forgiveness will set him free tonight

As heaven touches earth

**Oh we bring the Kingdom come
Oh with every act of love
Jesus help us carry You
Alive in us Your light shines through
With every act of love
We bring the Kingdom come**

**God put a million million doors in the world
For His love to walk through
One of those doors is for you**

**Oh we bring the Kingdom come
Oh with every act of love
Jesus help us carry You
Alive in us Your light shines through
With every act of love
We bring the Kingdom come**

Sending (Leader)

Jesus Christ offers you a peace that lasts forever. Go with that peace, and share it with everyone you meet this week, as you go to love and serve the Lord.

Amen!