

WORSHIP NOTES - FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Celebrating Black History In Worship



Be Blessed - A Beatitude Series
“Those Who Mourn”
Matthew 5:4

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CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OPENING PRAYER

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

HYMN OF PRAISE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

WELCOME

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to the people in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all people to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

CHURCH COVENANT

We also engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

DOXOLOGY

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till 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 us.

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 parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 thou who hast 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;
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 true to our God, true to our native land.

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