



February 12, 2017
Epiphany 6 (Year A)
10:30 a.m.

Chellan Hoffman, Music Director
Rev. Dr. Dave Holmes, Minister
Rev. Dr. Greg Glatz, Minister

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An Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Canada

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE Blessing and anointing

SINGING TOGETHER*

He's got the whole world in his hands (4 times)

She's got the whole world in her hands (4 times)

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SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Read by David Teja

CONFESSION & GRACE

We pray the following prayer aloud together:

Prayer of Confession: Loving God, we confess that as individuals, as a church, and as a society, we do not always choose life. We run with the crowd, or we overburden ourselves, or we seek short term gratification. There are many ways we choose death over life, unhealth instead of healing. Forgive us, and lead us to wisdom. *(brief silence)* AMEN.

Assurance of Grace: "I have come that you may have life," says Jesus, "and have it in abundance." God's love never leaves us, and new life is always on offer.

CHOIR ANTHEM I Dreamed of Rain
(Jan Garrett; arr. Canadian composer, Larry Nickel)

TODAY'S MESSAGE ~ Why Would Anyone Choose Death?
Dave Holmes

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CONTEMPLATION & RESPONSE ~

You are welcome to light a candle, make an offering, or fill out a prayer request card.

There will be several stations at which you are invited to come forward and receive a simple blessing and anointing. Please share your first name with those who are offering the blessing and anointing to you.

Music: There Is a Balm in Gilead, traditional spiritual (arr. Adolphus Hailstork)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE +

May I/you/all beings live in spirit and truth.

May I/you/all beings be delivered from evil.

May I/you/all beings be healed.

May I/you/all beings be whole.

May I/you/all beings be at peace.

During the prayers of the people, we remember our family, friends, our city, and people around the world. We will close our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer as it is found in Voices United 959.

SINGING TOGETHER* What a Friend We Have in Jesus (VU 664)

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BLESSING* ~

POSTLUDE Amazing Grace (arr. Adolphus Hailstork, b.1941)

An award-winning African-American composer and educator, Adolphus Hailstork grew up in Albany, New York, where he studied violin, piano, organ, and voice. He received a BA (Howard University), MMus (Manhattan School of Music), and doctorate (Michigan State University) in music composition. He has been professor and composer-in-residence at universities in Ohio and Virginia. His music is politically and culturally influenced, and in his own words, "always sings."

Please enjoy the cookies and coffee served in Knox Hall (north side of the campus). Thanks for worshipping at Knox.