



ARCH STREET
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024 / 10:45 a.m.

**"We are God's lighthouse:
a compassionate and inclusive community
that welcomes everyone to join us as
we do justice, promote equity,
show kindness, love mercy,
and walk humbly with God."**

ASPC's Revised Mission Statement

Order of Worship

Prelude

J. Donald Dumpson

Work of the Community

Carla Jones Brown

***Song of Praise**

This is The Day

Congregation

**This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.**

**I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord hath made,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad; He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad (2x)!**

Call to Worship

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

People: For God is gracious, and worthy of our song.

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted,

People: And binds up their wounds.

Leader: God determines the number of the stars;

People: God gives to all of them their names.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God.

All: Come, let us praise the Lord our God!

***Hymn** (*see insert*)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Congregation

Invitation to Tell The Truth

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we look at this world you have created and we are
compelled to sing your praises! The beauty and majesty of the world
is all around us - yet we have a tendency to take it for granted. We so
often treat the world with indifference, using its resources carelessly
and with little regard for the future. We struggle to find peaceful ways
of living. We want to believe that someone else will care for those in**

need. How foolish we are, O God! You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the lived example of Jesus, who came so that we might learn how to create the world we long to see. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you through our service to others. Help us be agents of peace and hope. We offer this prayer with hope and gratitude.

A moment for silent reflection and confession
Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen
All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Passing the Peace** Amen, Amen, Amen! Congregation
Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord Congregation
Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.
Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.

Scripture Reading Mark 1:29-39 NRSV

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

What Then, Shall WE Do?

Carla Jones Brown

* **Response to the Word** Lord I'm Available to You

Garrick Vaughan

Lord, I'm available to You

Congregation

My will I give to You

I'll do what You say do

Use me Lord to show someone the way and enable me to say

My storage is empty and I am available to You.

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Offering of Self

Carla Jones Brown

Benediction

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**Please stand as you are able*



Please plan to join us for our

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NEW DATE!!
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Meeting agenda to include
approving 2024 Budget
and Pastor Carla's terms of call

MEETING TIME : 12:00 NOON
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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Hidden Message. Use the code below to complete the hidden message. Take the numbered letters from the code and fill them in on the blanks with the matching numbers.

CODE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
U	F	I	R	W	O	G	E	N	H	Y	A	S	T	P

J 8 13 1 13 5 12 13

15 4 12 11 3 9 7 14 6

10 3 13 F 12 14 10 8 4

Matching Words. The words in the left column have a matching word in the right column that could mean about the same thing. Draw a line from the word on the left to the word on the right that closely matches it.

FEVER

NIGHT

WELL

LONELY

LOOKED

FIND

LATE

SICK

FRIENDS

FOLLOWERS

QUIET

HEALED

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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