

and also, the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: The Word of God for the People of God. P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Black History Month: "Our Place in God's Creation"
Pastor Clarissa

~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES, & OURSELVES~

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: (UNISON) Liturgist

God of Transformation, we come together as those who have met you on the mountaintop. We have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. We know that is our longing, not yours. So, as we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our life, remind us that our mission begins as we leave this place, and help us hold our memories of those mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts. We pray boldly in Jesus' name. Amen. (Mark 9:2-9)

*CLOSING HYMN: (stand if able) "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS
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~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~ (stand if able)

Liturgist: We have been fed with God's word in our lives;
We have been nourished by God's living water.
We have been called to proclaim God's abundance with the world;
We have been called to live in grace and gratitude to God's unending love.
Go from this place with the confidence that you are loved, you are blessed, and you are sent. Alleluia! Amen.

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE: "Postlude for Service No. 2" Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.



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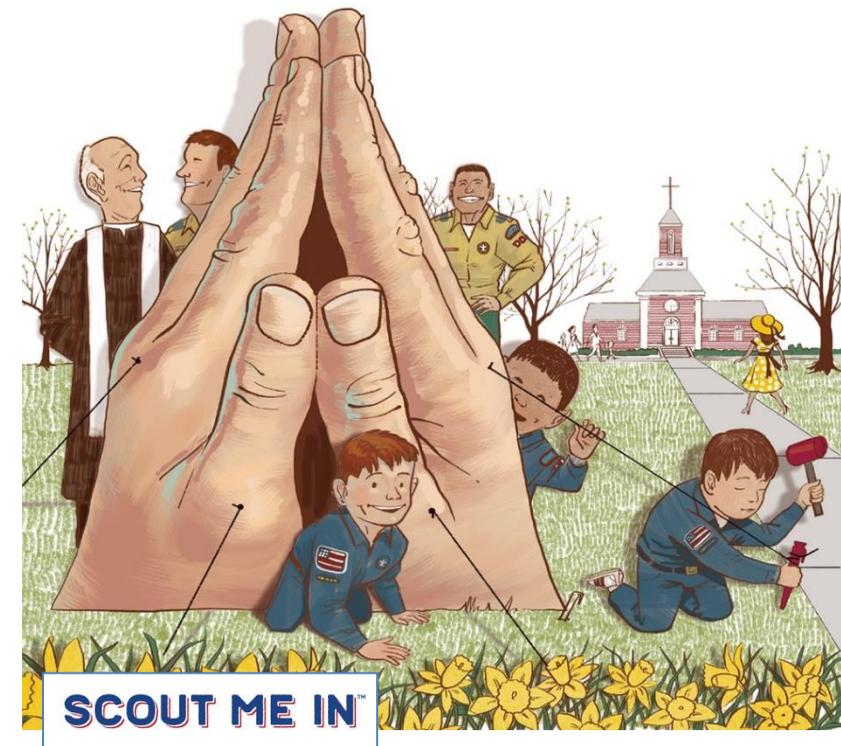
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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY ~ February 14, 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Scout Sunday Celebration



Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor
Boy Scout Member, Liturgist

Michelle Harrington, Singer

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude on a Baptism Hymn" Joseph W. Clokey
John Abuya, Organist

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Pastor: Perhaps after the glitter of Christmas has faded and the merriment of the New Year has declined, we need to be reminded that the light of Christ still shines if we will only open our eyes and step out in faith. Perhaps in these past frigid arctic days of February, we need to be reminded what shape true power takes: Power in a manger. Power as people's ailments are cast out with a simple word. Power in the resurrection of the body. On this second Sunday of February, we continue to celebrate and acknowledge Black History Month as we salute 5th Ave.'s Charter Boy Scouts of America Troops 780 and 6780!

CENTERING MUSIC: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" C.F. Witt

~HOLY BAPTISM~ (See Insert)

Amme Joy Broadwell Martinelli

Parents: Robert Broadwell and Biancha Broadwell Martinelli
Sponsors: Jenee Johnson and Nicolas Martinelli
Paternal Grandparents: Bradley Broadwell and Millie Broadwell
Maternal Grandparents: Rev. Clarissa and Martin Martinelli
Paternal Great-Grandparents: Bob & Dorothy Broadwell & Jack and Espere Fuller
Maternal Great-Grandparents: Rev. Willie and Sis. Emma Griffin & Jack Martinelli and Betty Martinelli
Heavenly Angels: Allegra Bieth and Marissa Martinelli

***GATHERED IN WORSHIP: (Responsively)** Liturgist

L: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,

P: we come to worship one, holy God.

L: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

P: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies. yet even children of dust can sing your praises.

L: In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your gratitude and joy be made known.

P: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

PRAYER: Liturgist
Holy God, creator of the universe, of all that is seen and unseen; today we give thanks and praise for all that you have been, all that you are, all that you will be. Even in times of doubts and questions, you are with us, and we are thankful. Help us to center our restless minds and bodies on you at this time. May we feel the breath of your Spirit upon our hearts this morning. May we experience the living Christ in the words we say and hear, the music we sing, the hands we touch. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

HYMN: (seated) "He Is Lord, He Is Lord!" (x3) UMH
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WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Liturgist
Friends, hear this great good news: God continually shows us another way. God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind. So, let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit. The good news is that God's love is an unconditional love; a love that never fails, that never forgets, that always forgives. **In Christ Jesus, we are new creations! Amen!**

CELEBRATING SCOUT SUNDAY 2021

~WE PROCLAIM~

Psalm 8 (Responsively) Liturgist

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

(con'd on back page)

The Baptismal Covenant with Amme Joy Broadwell Martinelli

Born October 2, 2020; Baptized Sunday, February 14, 2021

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through Water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Lay Leader: I present Amme Joy Broadwell Martinelli for baptism.

Pastor – Parents: Robert Dow Broadwell and Biancha Giovanna Martinelli

Sponsors: Jenee Johnson and Nicolas Martinelli

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him in union with the church, which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Amme Joy in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example that she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

Will you who sponsor Amme Joy support and encourage her in their Christian life? **I will.**

Lay Leader – Do you, 5th Ave. United Methodist Church, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Amme Joy now before you in your care?

All: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for Amme Joy, that she may be a true disciple who walk in the way that leads to life.

L: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

L: We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end.

All: The Church is holy; the Church is universal; it is the fellowship of God's children, called together from the whole of humanity to proclaim God's wonderful deeds

L: We believe that the reconciling work of Christ gives birth to a uniting Church, because Church unity is a gift from God and a goal we need to strive for.

All: The unity of the Church must become visible so that the people around us can see how separation and hatred are overcome in Christ.

L: We believe that genuine faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership in this Christian church.

All: We praise God that race, class, gender, or culture does not determine who belongs to this Church

L: We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation; and that the Church is called to proclaim and embody this reconciliation; to be peacemakers; and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers of sin and death, of hate, bitterness and enmity, through his life-giving Word and Spirit.

All: We praise God that the gospel does not separate people on the basis of race, gender, class, or culture, but is the power of reconciliation in Christ.

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of Water and she who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in Christ's final victory.

Amme Joy Broadwell Martinelli, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through Water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new Sister in Christ, Amme Joy Broadwell Martinelli.

All: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ. The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

~WELCOMING, ENGAGING, AND TEACHING OUR YOUTH~

February is Black History Month!

So many things to explore & learn during Black History Month for kids! What a great time to learn about and celebrate African Americans— present-day and historical!

Believe it or not, Black History Month hasn't been around for so long. Officially recognized by American presidents in the 1970's, some communities and individuals had been celebrating African American contributions to our society and the world as early as the 1920's, but because much of the 20th century was mired in racial prejudice and the Civil Rights Movement, country-wide recognition didn't happen until fairly recently.

Why is Black History Month Celebrated in February? You might have asked yourself out of curiosity: why is Black History Month in February? In fact, from whom or where did Black History month originate? To answer this, we must engage in a brief lesson in history.

It all began with historian Carter G. Woodson, who began what he called Negro History Week in February of 1926. He was a driven and passionate person who believed that all children should be educated about African American history. Woodson's entire purpose was to educate and highlight African American culture, and also to fight for equality through the positive celebration of black heroes.

The reason why he chose February was because the second week of February was birthday to both President Abraham Lincoln, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

One of the best ways to get to know a culture is by making and enjoying their food! One thing that unifies people is sharing a great meal together. It's how we show our love, it's a time where we can come together and share stories and it's a time when precious memories are made. If there is one thing we know about people of African descent, it's that we love to throw down in the kitchen. So, pull up a seat, tuck your napkin into your shirt and prepare to enjoy some of the best recipes from Black culture. Take a dive into this African-inspired cuisine and try with your family. Attached is this week's recipe for you to make with your adult guidance! We'll make one dish per week throughout the month to celebrate African American culture.

Prayer: God calls us to oneness, unity, and love. As Scripture says, we are all children of God in Christ, for there is neither Jew nor Greek, for there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female, and we are all one in Christ Jesus." Amen.



BETTER THAN JIFFY CORNBREAD

Recipe By: Brandi's Foodie Diary

PROCEDURE

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees F.

Combine all of your dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Give the dry ingredients a stir with your spatula to combine.

Add all of your wet ingredients to the dry ingredients. Mix until combined. A few lumps are ok, but all ingredients should be well incorporated.

Take about half a stick of butter and rub it into your cast iron skillet. The butter should cover the bottom and sides of your cast iron skillet thoroughly. Pour flour into the skillet and move it around over the sink until the flour is lightly layered on top of your butter. Shake out the excess flour.

Pour your cornbread batter into the skillet and place in your preheated oven for 35-40 minutes. A toothpick inserted into the center should come out clean and you will have a golden brown crust. Butter your cornbread when it is fresh out of the oven, then allow it to cool for about 10 minutes. You can also drizzle a little honey on top of your cornbread. Once you see how easy it is to prepare cornbread from scratch you'll add this recipe to your collection.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup Flour
 - 1 cup Cornmeal
 - 1 cup Sugar
 - 1 tbsp Baking Powder
 - 1 tsp Salt
 - 1 1/4 cups Buttermilk
 - 2 large Eggs
 - 1 stick Melted Butter
- (extra flour and butter for your cast iron skillet)

PREP TIME

- Prep | 10 min
- Cook | 35 min

Yields approximately 12 servings