

SUNDAY, FEB. 11, 2024
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

"Jesus in the Village"

A United Church of Canada Black History worship resource
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**"Black history is not just for
Black people – Black history
is Canadian history."**

- JEAN AUGUSTINE

BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH



WELCOME/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND/CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: VU #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

OPENING PRAYER read by Gerry Payne

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND SUNG RESPONSE

As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response: VU#82 "A Light is Gleaming" Refrain and Verse 1

**Refrain: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is
burning bright, living in the light.**

THEME CONVERSATION: Video Hey Black Child

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER: VU #959 [*Children leave for Discovery Kids*]

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-37 & UCC "SONG OF FAITH" Called to be Agents of
God's Healing and Reconciliation" read by Dan Donaldson

HYMN: VU #651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee.

SERMON: Black People in the United Church of Canada video and
"Forgiveness as a Way of Life" by Rev. Marie-Claude Manga



GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Kyrie for Our Time"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV #182 "Grateful"

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE read by Gerry Payne

CLOSING HYMN MV #12 "Come Touch Our Hearts"

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.
4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.
5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE