

**Antiracism Worship Service**  
***Enough is Enough***  
June 27, 2020  
Raleigh, NC

Call to Worship

God of beauty are you there?  
**God we seek after you.**  
Creator God we yearn to see you.  
**God reveal yourself to us.**  
Loving God we need your love.  
**God where have we missed you?**  
God illumine your presence to us.  
**Free us God to see you in all of our neighbors.**

Opening Prayer

**God the groans of this earth are growing. The blood that has been spilled over racism, white supremacy and police brutality is calling out from the depths of the soil, and it's about time we have paid attention. Though God, giving attention to the matter isn't enough. Continue to stir our hearts, continue to challenge us so that, we may challenge the status quo of violence and death placed upon on our black and brown siblings in the world. God our siblings live with an exhausting target on their back rather than being treated as the beloved children of yours that they are. God such is a time as now for us to say enough is enough. So here we are God, this is the moment, this is our commitment to them and to you that we are sick and tired of sons and daughters of black and brown mothers and fathers being seen as less than and dying an all to early death. Trouble our hearts right now, let us now become yoked to one another as we are yoked to you for sacrificial love that beckons us to make a difference in this world. God of all people we pray this in your healing name. Amen**

***\*Song - Ellas Song - Community sing together***

Refrain:

*We who believe in freedom cannot rest  
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes*

Verses

**Until the killing of Black men, Black mothers' sons  
Is as important as the killing of White men, White mothers' sons**

*Refrain*

**And that which touches me most is that I had a chance to work with people  
Passing on to others that which was passed on to me**

*Refrain(x2)*

***Reflection***

### ***Confession***

God of new life here we are again death, white supremacy, brutality, racism, bigotry and systemic violence have drawn us to this place.

#### **God we confess we have done too little;**

God, there is a great infestation of systemic racism and systematic violence that has blinded us, restricted us, and worse that we have participated in.

#### **God we confess we have done nothing to change**

God hearts have stopped beating and we have forgotten their names

#### **God we confess we haven't brought justice for the slain**

God we have been drunk on the status quo and as it always has been.

#### **God we confess we need to sober up**

God we have been like Jonah too often and wanted to turn from walking with our siblings

#### **God we confess we have run from you to be complacent with segregation**

God when oppression flourishes, we have remained silent.

#### **God we confess our silence that's caused violence**

God when discrimination flourishes, we have become complacent.

#### **God we confess we need to be shook free**

God when maintaining inequities benefits us, we have accepted it as it is.

#### **God we confess as white people we have been blinded by our privilege**

God we have neglected our baptismal vows when we neglect and allow our sisters and brothers to be murdered at the hands of racism and oppression

#### **God we confess that their is death on our hands**

God, we silently confess to you now,

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**God of mercy, grace, and compassion, forgive us we pray.**

**Hear our hearts crying out to you as we earnestly repent of our sins and seek to redirect our hearts and minds towards you through your healing name we pray, Amen.**

### ***Words of affirmation:***

Hear the good news: By God's relentless love today we accept the challenge and duty to live as forgiven people to no longer accept racist acts as they present themselves before us day after day. Thanks be to God. Amen

### **Scripture(s)**

### ***Reflection(s)***

### ***Prayer***

### ***\*Song - For Everyone Born<sup>1</sup>***

For everyone born, a place at the table,

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<sup>1</sup> Composed by Bernice Johnson Reagon, copyright: Songtalk Publishing Co.

for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

(Refrain)

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

(Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,

(Refrain)

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

(Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,

(Refrain)

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

(Refrain)

***Benediction/Charge into Antiracism work/Sending forth to march***

***\* During Covid we will not sing. We will read the words and have them as heart songs to guide our corporate worship time.***