

Sunday 5th June – **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

Streamed Worship Service Sheet

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the cancellation of worship services, the District will be broadcasting a worship service at 10:30am on Sunday morning via Facebook Live and it will also be available on the District Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/>
<http://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/>

If you are unable to join us on your computer, tablet or phone, this sheet will enable you to journey with us as we worship together in our homes around the District

Song: Change is gonna come

Welcome and explanation

Theme:

- What is the biggest challenge for racial justice historically and contemporaneously?
- What are the uncomfortable truths we need to hear?
- What is our hopeful vision?

Lighting of the Candle

We light this candle, and encourage you to light a candle at home if it is safe and you are able to do so, as a sign of the light and love of God reaching out into the places of fear and pain in our world and in our own situations.

**StF 689 “Summoned by God who made us”
Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rev Ping Ting Chen

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Prayer of Lament –
Rev Stephen Froggatt

Wade in the water

<https://youtu.be/RRpzEnq14Hs>
Wade in the water - Sweet Honey in the rock

Dialogue - Rev'd. Gary Hall & Rev'd Farai Mapamula

Prayer of Confession –
Led by Ian and Rosie Howarth

Reflection – Voice of Innocence ‘Heidi’
Young People

Down by the riverside
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=nQ1gHm8v3ek&feature=emb_logo

Reflections from an adult

I want Jesus to walk with me -Ruda Mvundura & Fitz Storrod
Eric Bibb and appears on the album *Spirit & The Blues (1994)*.

**Bible Reading - : Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo
Matthew 18:10-14 The Lost sheep**

¹⁰ “Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd

has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Sermon Rev Dr Vincent Jambawo

Anthony Reddie

Rev Ian Howarth Responds

Barbara Glasson's words

As your President, I start by saying I am sorry. Sorry for being silent when we should have spoken out against the everyday injustices that affect BAME communities. I am sorry that, despite our efforts, we have not done enough for those who feel excluded and we need to do better. We know this includes people of all ages from the Windrush generation too.

Chief Constable, Dave Thompson's words:-

(read by) Rev Doreen Kofi Williams

I recognise the force is not "free from bias, discrimination or even racism". I understand the "anger towards the uniform" more now. "Policing is judged on its ability to police this unequal society fairly," "This is a tough ask but one we sign up to," Over the last few weeks "the voices of black people, often young, who have made powerful points about their lived experience of discrimination" have made me take notice. "I apologise to our black communities for the things West Midlands Police has got wrong over the years in how we have policed them,"

Beyonce's words -Ruda

"You're proving to our ancestors that their struggles were not in vain."

"I'm encouraging you to continue to take action, continue to change and dismantle a racist and unequal system. "We have to vote like our life depends on it, because it does."

Lewis Hamilton's words -Ermine Mitchell

"Despite my success in the sport, the institutional barriers that have kept F1 highly exclusive persist," he said in a column for the Sunday Times.

"It is not enough to point to me, or to a single new black hire, as a meaningful example of progress."

StF 654 "The love of God"

Black Lives Matter Protests

Jo and Thandi Smith

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Rev Doreen Kofi Williams

Lord's Prayer

WayMaker -

Ruda Mvundura & Fitz Storrod

Words from Rev Doreen Kofi Williams

StF 410 "Lord, your church on earth is seeking"

"I am.....What can I do about racism and racial injustice?"

- Stephen Froggatt - Video.

Blessing