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6th Sunday After Epiphany/Heritage Sunday
Black History Month

** Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S CALL

Prelude: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - arr. James Pethel

Introit: He's got the Whole World in His Hands –
Vs.1 sung by the Senior Choir

Congregational chorus: He's got the earth and the sky in His hands,
He's got the night and the day in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

*Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 119):

Happy are those who are without blame.

Blessed are those who walk in God's way.

Happy are those who are faithful.

Blessed are those who seek God.

We will obey your word, O God.

We will praise you forever!

Hymn of Praise: How Great Thou Art

332 Blue

Our Prayer of Adoration

Song Verse: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #449 Blue

God who is First and Last in all things, Creator of the world,
Redeemer of our lives, Giver of Love and Source of mercy,

You are the light of minds that seek to know you.

You are the strength of those who seek to serve you.

You give rest to those who go in search of you.

In our worship, we pause in your presence,

as we rest from our work and responsibilities,

we rest from our play, from our worries and distractions.

We come to worship you, to enjoy your presence,

We praise you with song, dance and instruments. Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Our Prayer of Confession:

Song Refrain "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" **# 449 Blue**

God who is all in all, you call us to walk in your light,

but too often we choose the darkness of despair or disappointment.

You give life in abundance,

but we choose to consume too much and take more than our share.

You have called us to follow new directions,

but we cling to the paths we know.

You have called us to reach out in love,

but we prefer to protect ourselves without taking any risk.

Forgive us, O God; **help us to put our trust in you, and lead us to wholeness and peace; to new life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song Verse "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" **# 449 Blue**

Welcome and Announcements **(See Insert)**

Jesus in the Morning - Jeff Reeves - The Five Alive Singers

B.H.M Focus: **"Lougheed Middle School African Drum and Dance Ensemble"**

GOD'S SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

*Youth Hymn: Lord I Want to be a Christian **# 381 Red**

Youth Stories: **"Donovan Bailey & Wangari Maathai"** Lucy & Abigail

The Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm 119:1-8 **Refrain # 1**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Page 163)

Musical Item: Mr. Winston Hurlock

Sermon: "Striving to Grow and Live In Christ"

Hymn of Response: I'm Pressing on the Upward Way **# 380 Red**

Prayers of God's People concluded with The Lord's Prayer

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering:

Caribbean Blue - Enya and Nicky Ryan

*Offertory Doxology:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise Him All Creatures Here below

WE GO TO LIVE AS REDEEMED PEOPLE OF GOD

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon **(Insert)**

*Benediction:

*Choral Benediction: Praise God, Praise God.

*Postlude: Soon and Very Soon