



WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

## SATURDAY OPENING WORSHIP

*Radical Inclusion & Racial Justice*

**PRELUDE** *Welcome* by Mark A Miller One License #101275

Piano Arrangement by Rev. Seongmin Kim  
Clarinet by Esther Jung  
Rev. Afi Dobbins

### GREETING

Throughout our long history as Methodists, the church has gathered in the cultural context of every age. And so do we. This year has seen untold suffering; the ravages of coronavirus; the rages of social inequity; the ravings of unspeakable violence; a painful cultural context of souls in isolation not knowing if they can dare to hope. But we, the Body of Christ in our cultural context, dare to proclaim great hope in the Gospel of Reversals. Across this nation today, Juneteenth celebrations honor the historic reversal of slavery through the emancipation of slaves to freedom. On this Juneteenth day, we vow to work for Radical Inclusion & Racial Justice in this present age. Today, with one accord, we celebrate our mutual fierce desire that justice will roll down like waters across this land. We acknowledge the present struggle. We renew our call and commit to our task as One Body of Christ in ministry. And we offer ourselves for the healing and transformation of our society.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 72 adapted MSG*

Rev. Toua Thomas Thao

We call forth wisdom and justice for all nations!  
Wisdom that honors the meek and lowly.  
Justice that stands in solidarity with the needy.  
Yes! To the One who rescues the poor!  
Yes! To the One who helps the down and out!  
Glory to God! Hallelujah!

Peb thov kuas kev txawjntse hab kev ncaaj nceeg muaj nyob rua huv txhua lub tebchaws  
Txuj kev txawjntse kws fwm cov mogmuas hab nyob qeg  
Txuj kev ncaajnceeg kws sawv cev nrug cov txomnyem  
Tseeb tag! Qhuas tug kws cawm cov txomnyem!  
Tseeb tag! Qhuas tug kws paab cov kws qaugzug hab poob tsaam  
Vaajtsvw muaj koobmeej! Haleluyas!

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *God of Justice* CCLI# 4447128

Upendo Kwaya African Singers

**PRAYER FOR DIVINE DELIVERANCE** *based on Galatians 3:26-29*

Rev. Arthur Zetho

God of Mercy, you anoint your people with gifts of faith and deliver us from bondage. You liberate us in the Spirit of Christ, in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free. All are your children. All heirs of your promise. All one Body of Christ. Open our eyes to see your image in others. Open our ears to hear the cries of need. Draw our hearts to your convulsing world, so desperate for racial justice. Sweet Spirit, come. Come by here. Amen.

**RESPONSE** *Kum ba Yah* UMH 473

Rev. Jane Sommers

**SCRIPTURE** *Isaiah 58:9b-12 NRSV*

Marie Severing

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

**LITANY OF HOPE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

Esther Jung & Gabriel Corro

**Step together, O People, without fear, heart to heart, hand in hand.**  
**Stand together, O People, on the solid ground of wisdom's prophetic vision.**  
**Sing together, O People, in gladness and sorrow love's eternal song of redemption.**  
**Strive together, O People, in work for justice that reveals love's Promised Land.**  
**Stay together, O People, in solidarity for the Healing of the Nations.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Ella's Song by Sweet Honey in the Rock* One License #69128

Milwaukee Choir

**PRAYER FOR TRUE FREEDOM**

Rev. Clarissa Martinelli

God of Grace, we thank you for your abiding presence where there is one true freedom. We know this freedom is love. May your love abound and freedom ring with justice as the liberation song. Lead us to the promised land of hope through love that is both the trial and triumph of faith. There is one true freedom. This freedom is love. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *I Dream of a Church* by Mark A Miller One License #67043

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