

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

June 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Communion

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Hollaway

MISSIONS MINUTE America for Christ Tony Pappas

PRELUDE Cameron Greenlee

****CALL TO WORSHIP** (Read bold type) Martha Ball

Come, gather around the table of fellowship!

We accept the invitation to the Master's feast.

Come, sit with us at the foot of the cross.

We quiet ourselves as we think of Him hanging.

Come, all who have been feeling that God is far away.

We draw near to the One who has drawn near to us in weakness.

****HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #409

****INVOCATION** (Unison)

We believe that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. Heavenly Lord, once we were your enemies in our ignorance and self-centeredness, but you have made us your friends. Once we were no people, but now we are the people of God. Through the cross you broke down the wall that separated Jew and Gentile, black and white, to create one new humanity. Give us the grace to live into that new reality as part of your body on earth which transcends all divisions.

****THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using 'sins')

****THE GLORIA PATRI** (#705)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Martha Ball
Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (Pew Bible OT p. 177)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Martha Ball
Acts 5:27-42 (Pew Bible NT p. 123)

****HYMN** *The Old Rugged Cross* #185

OFFERTORY MUSIC Becca Hollaway
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

****THE DOXOLOGY** (#706)

*** All who are able, please stand*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor

POEM

Strange Fruit

As performed by Billie Holiday

Southern trees bear strange fruit

Blood on the leaves and blood at the root

Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze

Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees

Pastoral scene of the gallant south

The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth

Scent of magnolias, sweet and fresh

Then the sudden smell of burning flesh

Here is fruit for the crows to pluck

For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck

For the sun to rot, for the trees to drop

Here is a strange and bitter crop

Written by Abel Meeropol. Recorded April 20, 1939

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor

The Cross and the Lynching Tree

****COMMUNION HYMN** *Were You There* #192

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Pastor

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BREAD AND THE CUP Pastor

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

During the distribution of the elements, we will show a video of the song *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* performed by the Wynton Marsalis Quintet with Lucky Peterson.

****OUR MISSION** Congregation

Joyfully, we are invited by the Spirit of God to embrace, celebrate, and minister to the hopes and hurts of our members, neighbors, and the larger community through Christ-centered prayer, worship, teaching, sharing, and caring.

****CLOSING SONG** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (1) # 267

**** BENEDICTION** Pastor

POSTLUDE Cameron Greenlee