

Order Of Service – Feb. 21, 2021

In Pursuit of a Vision: Egbert Ethelred Brown

Music for Contemplation: *Common Threads* and *Freedom Is a Voice* by Bobby McFerrin; *Andante* from *Double Concerto for Two Mandolins* (RV532) by Antonio Vivaldi, adapted by Yo-Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin; and *Good-Bye* by Yo-Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin. Photos by Steve Schmidt, Joseph Walters, Susan Jhirad and Andey Amata, and © Soul Matters.

Freedom Is a Voice lyrics:

Freedom is a voice
freedom is a song
freedom is a spirit
for the people who are strong

Freedom is a city
freedom is a land
freedom is the courage
to take another hand

Sound of the Bell

Prelude: *Diapason Movement* by Samuel Wesley, played by Russell Tripp

Opening Words: *Affirmation of Hope* by Loretta F. Williams, from *Been in the Storm So Long*, Mark Morrison-Reed and Jacqui James, Eds.

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: Words by Kathleen McTigue, from *Lifting Our Voices: Readings in the Living Tradition*

Covenant

Love is the heart of this church.

We commit to:

Being a diverse, welcoming community of mutual care and respect;
Supporting each other's spiritual journey and search for truth and meaning;

Promoting justice and serving the wider community.

We hold ourselves to this promise with compassion and understanding.

Hymn: *Faith of the Larger Liberty*, words by Vincent B. Sillman, music by Bohemian Brethren (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #287). Performed by Daric Delfino and Molly Ruggles.

Faith of the larger liberty, source of the light expanding,
law of the church that is to be, old bondage notwithstanding:
Faith of the free! By thee we live - by all thou givest and shalt give
our loyalty commanding.

Heroes of faith in every age, farseeing, self-denying,
wrought an increasing heritage, monarch and creed defying.
Faith of the free! In thy dear name the costly heritage we claim:
their living and their dying.

Faith for the people everywhere, whatever their oppression,
of all who make the world more fair, living their faith's confession:
Faith of the free! What e'er our plight, thy law, thy liberty, thy light
shall be our blest possession.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Meditation: *I Will Sing a New Song*, from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thuman, adapted

Offering: *Mourning Dove*, composed and performed Molly Ruggles

Reading: *The Task of the Religious Community* by Mark Morrison-Reed (*Singing the Living Tradition* #580)

Hymn: *Hush*, African-American spiritual, arr. Jason Shelton (*Singing the Journey*, #1040). Vocalist Shaina Sawyer, pianist Molly Ruggles

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.
Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

Sounds like freedom, somebody's callin' my name...
Sounds like justice, somebody's callin' my name...
Soon one mornin', death come creepin' in my room...
I'm so glad trouble don't last always....

Sermon: *In Pursuit of a Vision: Egbert Ethelred Brown*

Hymn: *One More Step*, words by Joyce Poley, music by Grace Lewis-McLaren (*Singing the Living Tradition* #168). Performed by Steve Schmidt and Russell Tripp.

One more step, we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone, we'll take one more step.

One more word, we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone, we'll say one more word.

One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone, we'll say one more prayer.

One more song, we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone, we'll sing one more song.

Closing Words: *Spirit of the Pioneer* by Melvin Hoover, from *Been in the Storm So Long*, Mark Morrison-Reed and Jacqui James, eds.

Postlude: *Andante* by Vincent Novello, played by Russell Tripp

Question for coffee-hour discussion: How have our churches progressed, since Brown's time, in supporting Black leaders and attracting Black members?