



- Order of Worship -

February 27, 2022

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

Welcome

Lift Every Voice and Sing

This Little Light of Mine

Call to Worship

Come All You People

Bless That Wonderful Name Of Jesus

What A Mighty God

Worship Reflection

Jesu Jesu

Family Ministry Moment

Scripture: Genesis 2:25-3:13

Sermon

Lord I Want To Be A Christian

Joys and Concerns

Offering

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Pastoral Blessing

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Soon And Very Soon

Postlude



WELCOME

Strategic Priority: Deeper relationships are vital to future discipleship and mission. **GO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS!**

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ WEST HILLS!

LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9a chapel - "24 Hours That Changed The World"

KIDS CROSSWALK: 9a lower level

CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE: 9a youth chapel #406

HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEYGROUPS: 9a youth lounge #307

WORSHIP SERVICE: 10a sanctuary

NURSERY: an adult can accompany a child/children to the large room in the nursery at anytime during worship where the service is livestreamed

Please complete the communication card in the pew rack to let us know you joined us today. You may also wish to share a joy or prayer request on the back of the card so that we can be in prayer for you this week.

VISITORS

We are blessed to have you worshiping with us! Please fill out the communication card in the pew rack and stop by the Welcome Center in Geneva Lounge to pick up a visitor's bag. We hope that you'll join us in worship again soon!

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY - 2/28

Pickleball League: 6-9p gym

TUESDAY - 3/1

Men's Bible Study: 7a chapel

InGathering: 7p hybrid

WEDNESDAY - 3/2

Women's Group Study: 9:30a Zoom

Women's Group Study: 6p chapel

Ash Wednesday Service: 7p

THURSDAY - 3/3

Co-Ed Bible study: 9:30 chapel (Exodus)

Financial Peace University: 6:30p chapel

Worship Matters Small Group: 7p Zoom

SATURDAY - 3/5

Youth Neon Night: 6p

SUNDAY - 3/6

Lenten Discipleship Class: 9a chapel
(24 Hours That Changed The World)

Elmarie & Scott Parker Zoom: 11:15a chapel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Join us in prayer for people of the Ukraine. For the leaders, pray for wisdom. For the soldiers, pray for courage and strength as they protect their country. For civilians, pray for those displaced and for the families who have been separated from each other as they seek safety. Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome this conflict, and war.

If you have a prayer request or joy and want to share it with the prayer warriors of West Hills, send it to Carolyn Collins at carolyn4nu@aol.com or 402-331-7481.

Each week, a Stephen Minister is available in the quiet room after the service to pray with you privately.

WE ARE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH . . . and that means we love all ages and welcome them to worship with the "big West Hills family" in the sanctuary. However, if the need arises, a quiet room is available in the sanctuary and the large room in the nursery is open anytime during the service. Worship resources for children 3+ yrs. are just outside the main sanctuary doors, please help yourself and take the items home with you.

Guest Preacher: Tom Backer

Audio Visual: Dallas Grafton/Heather Hipp/Matt Huck/Trink Traudt

Family Ministry Moment: Luke Burns

Worship Team: Steve Dostal, Kevin Gibson, Kathy Leach, Mike McDermott, Stan Parker, Sarah Weller

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SONG NOTES

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Tom Colvin wrote the words and the tune is from a Ghana folk song. For 15 years, Colvin was a missionary in Africa, where he was very much involved in encouraging the singing of indigenous music. He translated a collection of African hymns into English and published them both in Great Britain and the United States. "Jesu, Jesu," speaks of neighbors in a global sense, as well as the person next door. Christ responded to all persons' needs as a servant, with the humility of a slave.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Miles Mark Fisher, in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States*, writes that this African American spiritual could have been written in Virginia in the 1750s based on a story from Hanover, Virginia, 1756: "A black slave asked Presbyterian preacher William Davies, 'I come to you, sir, that you may tell me some good things concerning Jesus Christ and my duty to God, for I am resolved not to live any more as I have done... Sir, I want to be a Christian.'"

"Lord, I want to be a Christian" is among a group of African American spirituals that appears both in mainline denominational hymnals and in African American hymnals in the United States. It was first published in *Folk Songs of the American Negro* in 1907.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Few hymns have the capacity to define the identity of an entire group. "Lift Every Voice" began as a hastily-written composition for an unassuming school assembly in 1900, but has become the African American national anthem.

James Weldon Johnson wrote the text and his brother, J. Rosamund, wrote the music for this song. James had been asked to speak by the principal of a school in Jacksonville, Fla., his hometown, for an observance celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Rather than make a speech, he decided to write a poem. As the time drew near, his plans changed from writing a poem to a song.

Even though the Johnsons' New York publisher did not actively promote the song, children throughout the South kept it alive. The song gathered momentum, as it became known around the country.

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