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► Welcome to worship!

During Black History Month, our worship services have featured music from Black composers and artists, as well as liturgical elements from the African American Heritage Hymnal. Today, we complete this celebration by welcoming the NC Central University Choir to join our own Sanctuary Choir to sing Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*.

We celebrate Black History Month alongside our Black congregants and Black siblings everywhere as a way to honor Black stories, beauty, and contributions, but also as a way to signal our continued commitment to Black lives for the rest of the year. We celebrate Black History Month, not as an excuse for normalizing White history and culture for the remainder of the year, but as a way to catalyze within our institution and the world the important work of decentering whiteness, so that all God's children might thrive. For us, Black History Month is not a way to absolve ourselves of the year-round and life-long work of anti-racism, but a moment to celebrate and to recommit ourselves to the gospel work of inclusivity in our worship and in our lives.

► *Today's color is green for Ordinary Time, a season of spiritual growth.*

► *Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

► *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.*



Order of Worship

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Black History Month

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

To Sit and Dream

Rosephanye Powell, music

Langston Hughes, text

To sit and dream,

To sit and read,

To sit and learn about the world.,

Outside our world of here and now,

Our problem world.

To dream of vast horizons of the soul,

Of dreams made whole,

Unfettered, free.

Help me all you who are dreamers too.

Help me make our world anew.

I reach out my hand to you.

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Efird

Call to Worship (On Black Sacred Music,

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Adapted from the African American Heritage Hymnal)

Leader: Colossians instructs us to sing psalms and hymns.

People: To sing spiritual songs, making melodies in our hearts.

Leader: David told the Levites to appoint singers to play instruments,

People: On harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy!

Leader: Within our veins flow the rhythm, timing, and cadence of worship.

People: We praise the Creator with our minds, hearts, souls, and feet!

Leader: We have been sustained by spirituals, by Watts and Tindley hymns,

People: By the gospel songs of Dorsey and Cleveland, and contemporary sounds by Hawkins and Smallwood.

Leader: Where would we be without "Ride On, King Jesus," "Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling my Name," "Were You There," "Go Tell it on the Mountain," "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," or "Precious Lord"?

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People: Where would we be without "Roll, Jordan Roll," "O Freedom," "I'll Fly Away," "Blessed Assurance," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", "Great is Thy Faithfulness," or "Jesus You're the Center of My Joy"?

Leader: There has been no liberation movement without a song, so let us lift every voice and sing!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn

Hear Our Prayer

O Lord, please hear my prayer;
In the morning when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done,
And you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory;
And to hear You say, "Well done!"
Done with sin and sorrow.
Have mercy. Mercy.

O Lord, please hear my prayer.
Keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Andy Jarrell

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Transcendent God, we bless your name,
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,
The Spirit with us, Immanent,
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

Rev. Spears-Newsome

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Cantata

The Gospel Mass

Robert Ray

Please refer to your cantata program.

If you're watching online, you can find it at gfbccary.org/gospelmass

Hymn

We Shall Overcome

(see page 4)

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

We Shall Overcome



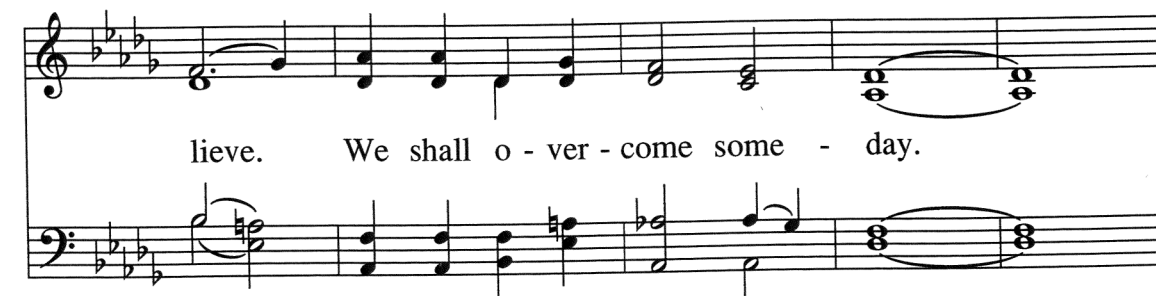
1. We shall o - ver - come. We shall o - ver -
 2. We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in
 3. We shall live in peace. We shall live in
 4. We are not a - fraid. We are not a -
 5. God will see us through. God will see us



come. We shall o - ver - come some - day.
 hand. We'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 peace. We shall live in peace some - day.
 fraid. We are not a - fraid to - day.
 through. God will see us through to - day.



Oh, deep in my heart I do be -



lieve. We shall o - ver - come some - day.

Today's hymn comes from *The African American Heritage Hymnal*. See cantata program for more information. Copyrighted music use is covered by CCLI License #1243530 and OneLicense #A-721397. Please see the cantata program for more details on today's musicians (online at gfbccary.org/gospelmass).



2022 Discipleship Retreat

HOW TO HAVE AN ENEMY



Righteous Anger & the Work of Peace

We are excited to welcome Melissa Florer-Bixler to lead our 2022 Discipleship Retreat on her new book, *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace*. Melissa is the pastor of Raleigh Mennonite Church, one of our partner churches in ONE Wake, and has written two books and numerous articles for *Christian Century*, *Sojourners*, *Geez Magazine*, *Anabaptist Witness*, *The Bias*, *Faith & Leadership*, and *Anabaptist Vision*.

The retreat will take place March 11-13 at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Well-fitting masks will be required indoors at all times; refreshments will be served outside. There will be a virtual option available.

Schedule:

Session 1 — Fri. (3/11) 6-7pm
Sessions 2, 3 — Sat. (3/12) 8am-12pm
Session 4 — Sun. (3/13) 9:45-10:45am
Worship — Sun. (3/13) 11am-12pm

Cost:

In-Person — \$20
Virtual — \$10

Registration fees include the cost for a copy of Melissa's book, which will be available for pickup at the church the week before and after the retreat.

Register now at gfbccary.org/retreat!

March 11-13



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March 2 at 6:15pm

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► Prayer List*

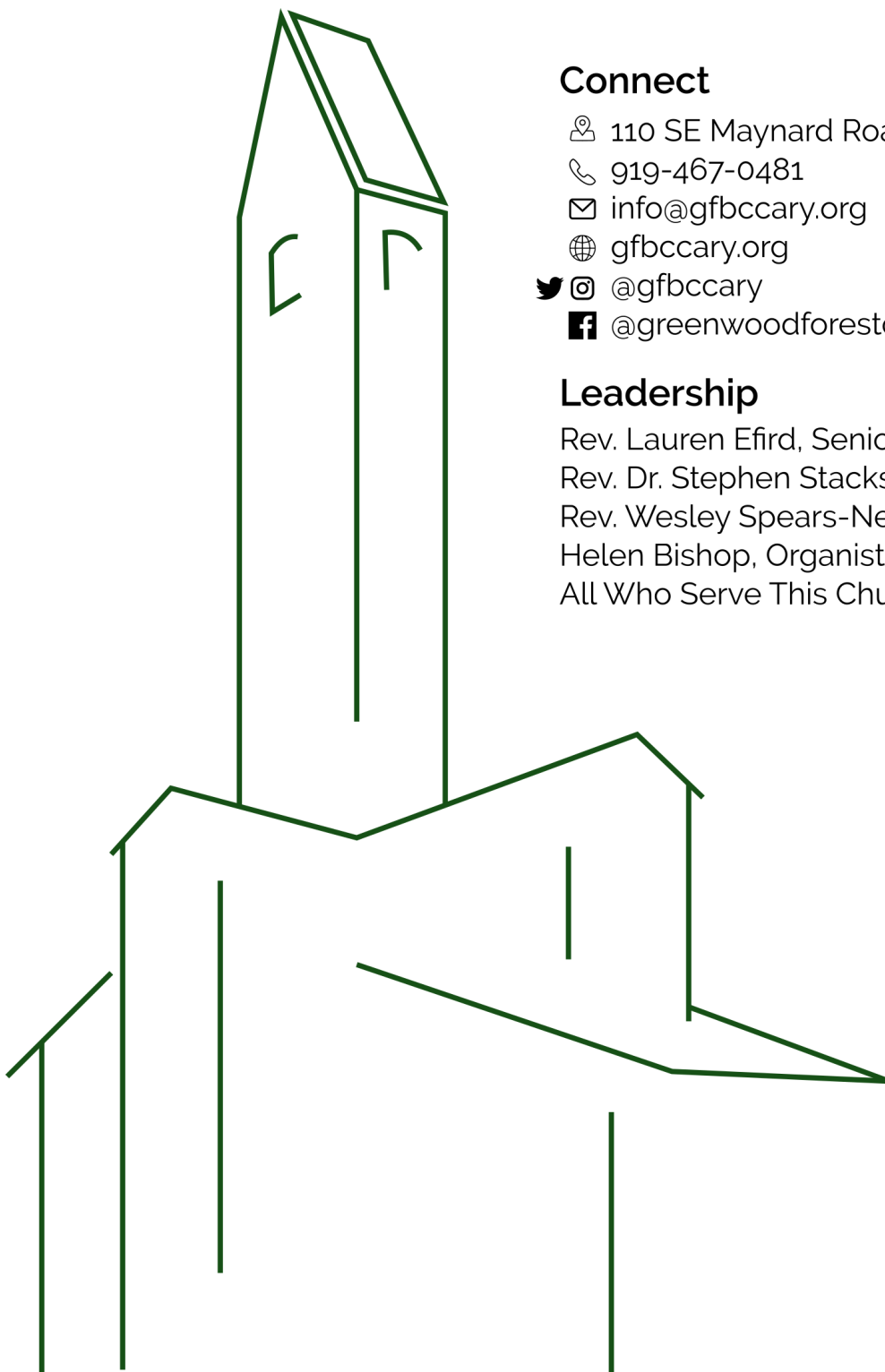
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Gilles Bikindou
Valerie Brooks
Vanna Fox
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Elizabeth Harvey (at the death of her daughter-in-law, Amy Harvey)
Megan Jarrell
Jack Lancaster (Christy Brown's father)
Doris Martin
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
Sylvia Morgan
Brynn Oliver

Tom Poe (Annie Poe's son)
Fred Seeger
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
John Wilkes (Rebekah Oliver's father)
Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

**To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

Note:

January financials can be seen in last week's bulletin and the financial update will return next week.



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Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church