

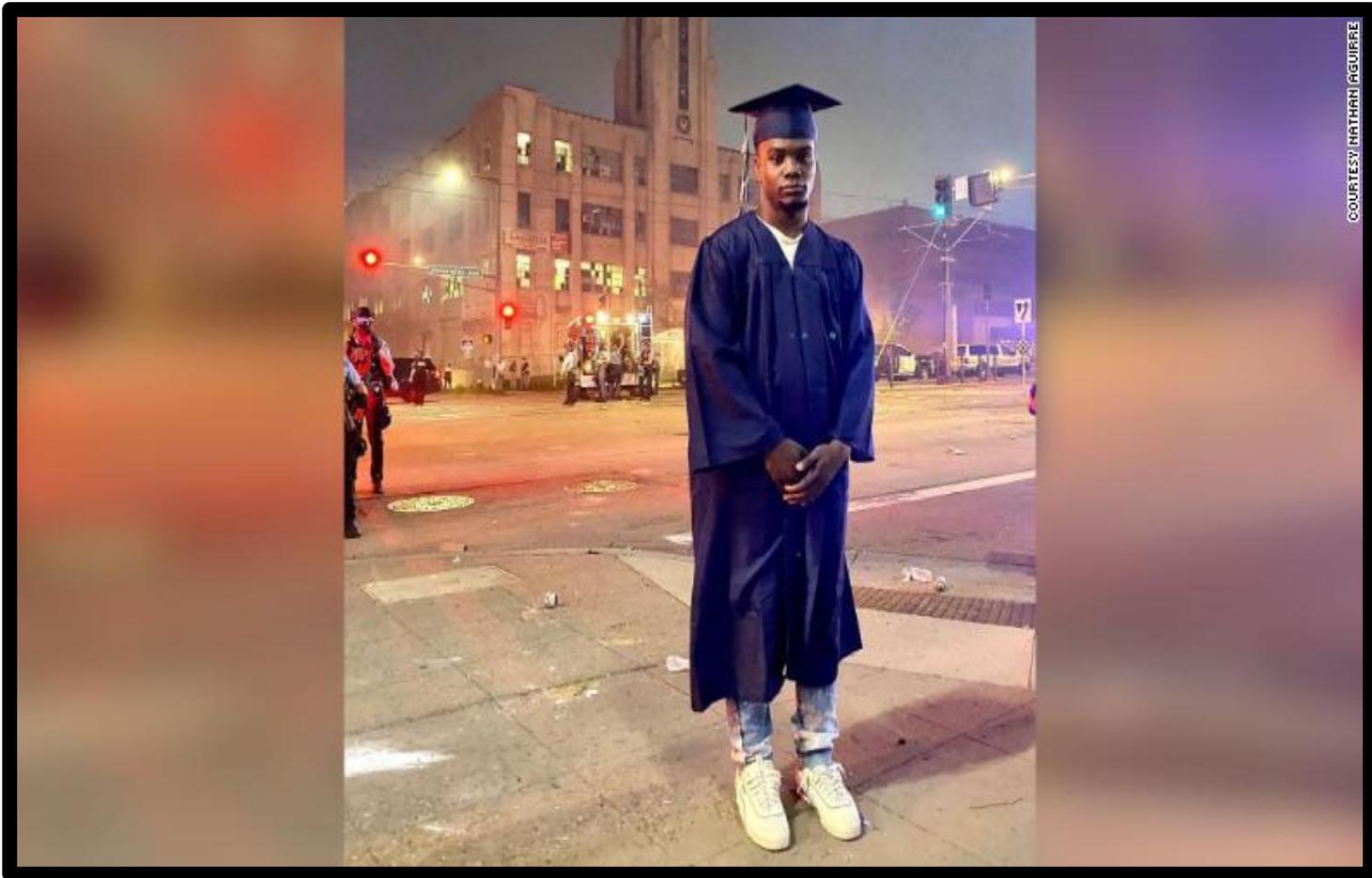


Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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Join us as we worship in spirit through our live-streamed worship celebration via Zoom and Facebook Live. Visit our website for connection instructions.



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Sunday, June 7, 2020
1st Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Divine Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, Pastor

MOMENT OF SILENCE *Let us prepare our hearts and minds in silence to worship God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*] Tiye Kurtz-Miott & Santana Rougemont

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT: LIGHT FOR OUR EYES

ONE: Lord, come and be light for our eyes.

MANY: **Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;**
that our hearts might be filled with joy, hope, and peace, we pray;
that we might respond to opportunities, we pray;
that we might be strengthened to face challenges, we pray;
that we might become the persons we are called to be, we pray;
that we might learn to respect all of our sisters and brothers, we pray;
that we might see the needs of others and give help, we pray.

~ from "A Blessings for our Graduates." Posted on the **Christian Brothers of the Midwest** website. <http://www.cbmidwest.org/>

OPENING SONG

Sanctuary

Joan Miller, Song Leader

*Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for you*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8 (*The Message*); Amos 5:24 (*CEB*)
Margaret LeWright & Laurel Williams

How can I stand up before God and show proper respect to the high God?
Should I bring an armload of offerings topped off with yearling calves?
Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of olive oil?
Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child, my precious baby, to cancel my sin?

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,
be compassionate and loyal in your love,
And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.

*But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

MESSAGE

Voices of our Graduates

Tiye Kurtz-Miott, *Alameda Science & Technology Institute*
Santana Rougemont, *UC Berkeley Masters Program in Social Work*

RESPONSIVE SPECIAL SONG

Unwritten

Natasha Bedingfield

Nicky Reed, Song Leader

*I am unwritten, can't read my mind
I'm undefined
I'm just beginning, the pen's in my hand
Ending unplanned
Staring at the blank page before you
Open up the dirty window
Let the sun illuminate the words that you could not find
Reaching for something in the distance
So close you can almost taste it
Release your inhibitions
Feel the rain on your skin
No one else can feel it for you
Only you can let it in
No one else, no one else
Can speak the words on your lips
Drench yourself in words unspoken
Live your life with arms wide open
Today is where your book begins
The rest is still unwritten
I break tradition, sometimes my tries
Are outside the line
We've been conditioned to not make mistakes
But I can't live that way
Staring at the blank page before you
Open up the dirty window
Let the sun illuminate the words that you could not find
Reaching for something in the distance*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Pam will lift up prayer requests previously sent to her.
When the pastor says "Lord," the people respond: "Hear Our Prayer."

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION & PRAYER OVER OFFERINGS

*Please prepare your checks for mailing, or cash for drop off at the church office while our
Music Director leads us in our Thanksgiving Song.*

THANKSGIVING SONG **We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise** TFWS 2031

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Rev. Pam & Sherri Elinson

ONE: Father of the Heavenly Lights, you brought us to life by your Word of truth,

MANY: **We were made in your image,
sons and daughters of all colors.**
The cancerous wickedness of racism has
caused your children to suffer.
Prejudice, discrimination, and hatred
have led to brokenness, violence and death.
**We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have allowed the sin of racism
to divide us in what we have done and what we have not done;
what we have said and what we have not said.**
Purify our hearts and tame our tongues, we pray;
**Give us courage to repent,
to fight for righteousness,
and to love and embrace one another...**
In the name of Jesus, Our Lord.

All: Amen

SILENT PRAYER FOR CONFESSION & HOPE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My Friends, The Spirit you have received is not a spirit of fear pushing you back into a life of complacency, but a Spirit of love and courage.

Amen! Where the Spirit is, there is liberty and justice.

Be hopeful! You are a forgiven family to whom the gifts of heaven have been promised and on whom the first installment has been poured.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go to your windows now, open them, and with joyful noise proclaim,
"Peace be with you all!" then come back!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

GRATITUDE TIMES *Gratitudes previously sent to Rev. Pam will be shared.*

CLOSING SONG

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Stanley Huston & Neil Wade, Song Leaders

Lift ev'ry voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun let us march on 'til
victory is won

Stony the road we trod bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered

Out from the gloomy past 'til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand
True to our God true to our native land.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Pam

All raise hand, palm facing outward and wave goodbye.