



**Greenhills Community
Church, Presbyterian**

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June 19, 2022, 10:00 am

Guest Speaker
Lee Sanders, REPI

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Today is Juneteenth, June 19. Juneteenth is the oldest known African-American celebration. This year is the first year that we celebrate Juneteenth as a **national holiday**. On June 19, 1865, the enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word of their emancipation two months after the Civil War had ended, and two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation had gone into effect on January 1, 1863.

[At this sign, please rise in body or in spirit; **bold** indicates congregation's responses]*

Gathering Song #399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation

Liturgist: Valerie Dauwe

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us, there is One who seeks us,

One who meets us, One who heals us, whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.

This One is the Lord. Come, let us worship God.

***Prayer of the Day**

We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. **Amen.**

***Hymn #339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Trad. Spiritual

Call to Reconciliation

We long to be set free from those "powers" that control our lives, to let go of our fears of "them," to stop trying to build fences between us and those who are not like us. That is why our longing brings us to the living waters offered by our God, who allows us to fill our parched souls with a refreshing drink of forgiveness. Let us confess our sins, as we pray responsively:

Prayer for Forgiveness

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgments of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

God forgives us, so we might be new people. God equips us, so we might serve others. God sends us forth, so we might be a witness to everyone we meet.

No one is the same: enemies are now our friends; those we could not trust now become our confidants; those we could not hear now speak to us of God's hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response #591

Halle, Halle, Halle

HALLE, HALLE

The Peace

Each of us is unique and wonderfully made; and in Christ we are united to share in the wholeness of the kingdom. May the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, be with you.

And also, with you.

Prayer for Illumination

As you spoke to the Legions, O God, speak now to the forces that surround us. By your Spirit, let your word illumine the darkness, and your light break through our delusions, that we may see your truth. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

NRSV, NT p. 189

Musical Offering

Wade in the Water
The Greenhills Strings

Trad. Spiritual

Old Testament Lesson

I Kings 19:1-15a

NRSV, OT p. 326

Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:26-39

NRSV, NT p. 68

Sermon

Boundaries, Barriers, and Breakthroughs

Lee Sanders, REPI

*Hymn #835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

Invitation

For the sake of those who have yet to hear the word of God, for those who are in need of our bounty, and for the discipline that comes with sacrifice, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory

*Doxology #606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

With these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that we have because of you. Make us grateful every day for the privilege of offering ourselves for the well-being of all your world. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #317

In Christ There is No East or West

McKEE

*Charge

Go in peace to care for those who cross your path, to give voice to those who need your help, to notice what is beautiful and what is amiss, to counter injustice and guard what is good, and to rest and work, mindful of God's desire for your health and faith.

*Benediction

May God feed you; may Christ protect you; may the Spirit live in you and wash over you with the love of God.

Postlude

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

Sources: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/juneteenth-prayers>;
<https://faithinformed.org/resources/juneteenth-liturgy>; *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, vol. 2*;
Bearers of Grace and Justice, by Thom Shuman

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Counters: Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, June 21

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Room 210
- Session Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 209

Wednesday, June 22

- Tai Chi, 1:00 p.m., Chocolate Room, CFE
- Square Dancing, 1:00 CANCELED THIS WEEK*
- AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
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Friday, June 24

- AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209

COMING SOON, Next Sunday, June 26

Program on Safety & Security, 11:30, Fellowship Hall

Officer Carl Holbrook of the Greenhills Police Department will be presenting a program on Active Shooters. Phil has seen this program at the Kiwanis Club, and highly recommends it. It runs about 20 minutes and then a Q&A will follow. If you have any questions or comments let Phil Haisley know.

Special Announcement :

A new support group will be starting next week, for those suffering from anxiety and/or depression, led by Licensed Clinical Counselor, Dr. Stephen C. Benoit, PhD, LPCC. Dr. Benoit has been offering pro bono counseling here at our church for the past few years. For information regarding this support group, call Dr. Benoit at 513-909-4242 or text him at Stephencbenoit@outlook.com.