



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Washington Street  
United Methodist Church  
OUTDOOR SERVICE

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

If you have not pre-registered online, please be sure to "register" your family at the Registration Table. Bulletins are available on the Registration Table.

CALL TO WORSHIP

I dream a world where man no other man will scorn,  
**Where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn.**  
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,  
**Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day.**  
A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be,  
**Will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free,**  
Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl,  
**Attends the needs of all mankind-of such I dream, my world!**

(Langston Hughes "I Dream a World")

HYMN 480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET  
(vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from thy ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson, 1882; Music: St. Margaret, Albert L. Peace, 1884

OPENING PRAYER

**Wondrous God, you alone are the one who restores and renews our spirits and brings meaning to our lives. You bless us anew, and our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for your hand in our lives. Through your Holy Spirit, remind us to look to you for guidance. We know that nothing in this world can separate us from your steadfast love. Let our lives be a testimony to your grace and mercy. Give us strength for this day and fill us with your peace. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**  
(Bishop Holston, 2/16/21)

THE LESSON	Romans 8:35-39	
PROCLAMATION	"Living God's Mission"	Rev. Lippert
SOLO	<i>This de Healin' Water</i>	Arranged by Hal Johnson
	Felicia Torres, soprano; Greg Boatwright, piano	

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Deepest Truth"  
 We believe in God, maker of all things,  
 provider of all things, who loves all people.  
 We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:  
 he sees us for who we are,  
 heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.  
 In his death and resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life.  
 We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 which empowers us for self-giving love.  
 We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,  
 and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection  
 and the mystery of eternal life. Amen. (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)  
**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 703	"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"	SWING LOW
(vs. 1, 2, 3)		

- Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot,  
coming for to carry me home;  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
coming for to carry me home.
1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
coming for to carry me home?  
A band of angels coming after me,  
coming for to carry me home.  
Refrain:
  2. If you get there before I do,  
coming for to carry me home;  
tell all my friends I'm coming too,  
coming for to carry me home.  
Refrain:
  3. I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,  
coming for to carry me home;  
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,  
coming for to carry me home.  
Refrain:

Words: Afro-American Spiritual;  
Music: Swing Low, Afro-American Spiritual adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith, 1987

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We welcome all of you to this time of worship. In these strange times we are sharing God's word and witness in new ways. We welcome old friends and new in the name of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER LIST

Pete Bailey	Charles Garren	Geneva Hutchinson	Angela Powers	Sarah Threatt
Martha Brooker	Frances Grimes	Lisa Johnson	Rick Rowe	Our homebound
Emily Caskey	Bud Harrelson	Rev. Judy King	Boyd Saunders	
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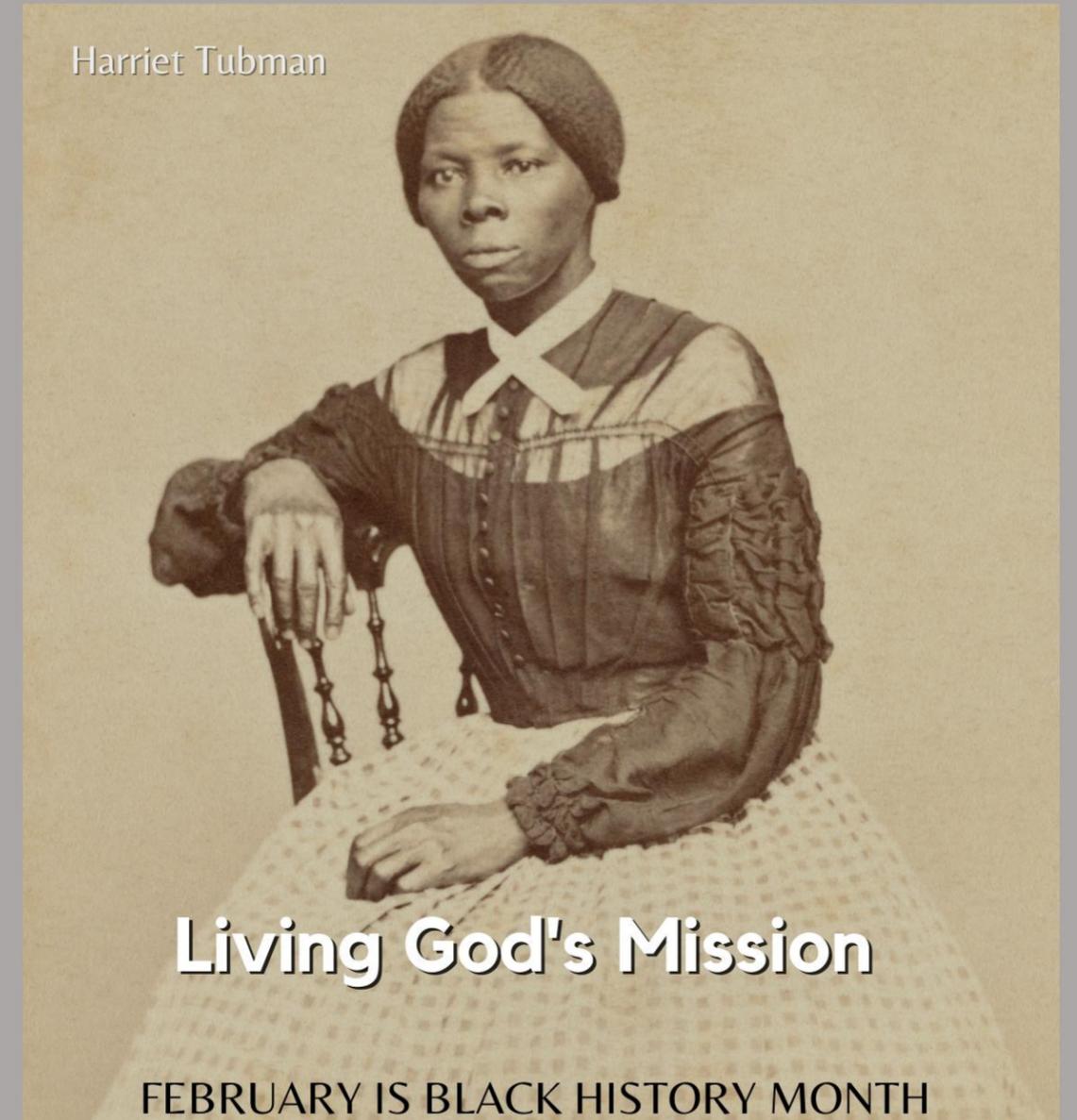
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Remember the homeless and hungry in our community.  
Remember all military personnel and their families, especially those wounded in war.

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