

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Series: "Reset Direction"
Black History Month



11:00 am Sanctuary Service
Lector: Marion Denton
Guest Preacher: Daniel Martin

Prelude: *Our God Is Good*

Walther

Welcome: Edeana Malcolm

Announcements: Joan Mason

Territorial Acknowledgements: Edeana

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lighting the Candles of the Four Directions

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Invitation to Worship:

We come, so sure of the way of faith, and the ways of faith...

So sure of the way, we do not expect surprises.

God of the road, you step into our path and startle us!

So sure of the way, we are stopped in our tracks...

Surprise us, nudge us, redirect our steps.

So sure of the way, Lord, awaken us to new possibilities.

Hymn: MV62 *There Is Room for All* (twice) B. Harding

Prayer:

Bright Shining Christ,

There is much for Black and Brown bodies to dread, here, in the Americas.

The trauma of the transatlantic slave trade lives in many bodies.

The legacy of enslavement

lives in our systems.

But the thin gospel of oppression

could die in our worship.

if we choose to shine bravely, reflecting your glory,

if we choose to reject the lies of racism and White supremacy,

if we choose to dance...

make music ...

share pain ...

spread joy ...

wake up and be magic.

We can choose to fight for a better society, and

we can remember that

we are of the earth and of the stardust,
we are precious, loved, and called to shine bright,
like the stars we are made of and the son that we follow.

Help us to make good choices.

Help us to shine brightly.

Amen.

—*Alydia Smith*

Scripture: *Acts 9:1-15* [Saul's Conversion]

This is part of our story. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: *Eye Has Not Seen*

M. Haugen

Reflection: Daniel Martin, Campus Ministry Animator, Pacific Mountain Region

Whether we've been in the church for a long time or are exploring the faith, Jesus sometimes calls us to move in a new direction, even when we think we are already heading in the right direction.

[Video]

Hymn: VU642 *Be Thou My Vision* (1,2,4,5) Irish Melody

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer

The Prayers of the People

Hymn: MV218 *May the Love of Our God* (twice, Eng.) P. Choo

Blessing

*Deep peace of the Running Wave to you,
Deep peace of the Flowing Air to you,
Deep peace of the Quiet Earth to you,*

*Deep peace of the Shining Stars to you,
Deep peace of the Gentle night to you.
May God make safe to you each step.*

May God make open to you each pass.

May God make clear to you each road.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Postlude: *Siciliano*

J. Stanley