

JANUARY 14, 2018

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

David Stewart

*HYMN #54

Praise the Lord who reigns above

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kimberly Hunter

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:7-13; Luke 11:1-4

Please join in sung response as indicated.

SERMON

Praying as Jesus taught

*HYMN (see next page)

How can we name a love?

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Paper is available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone.

HYMN #579*

Lift every voice and sing



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

****We recognize that January 15, 1929 is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Lift every voice and sing* was written by James W. Johnson, a pioneering figure in work for social justice. These are his words about this hymn:**

A group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida, arranged to celebrate Lincoln's birthday in 1900. My brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, and I decided to write a song to be sung at the exercises. I wrote the words and he wrote the music. . .and the song was taught to and sung by a chorus of five hundred colored school children.

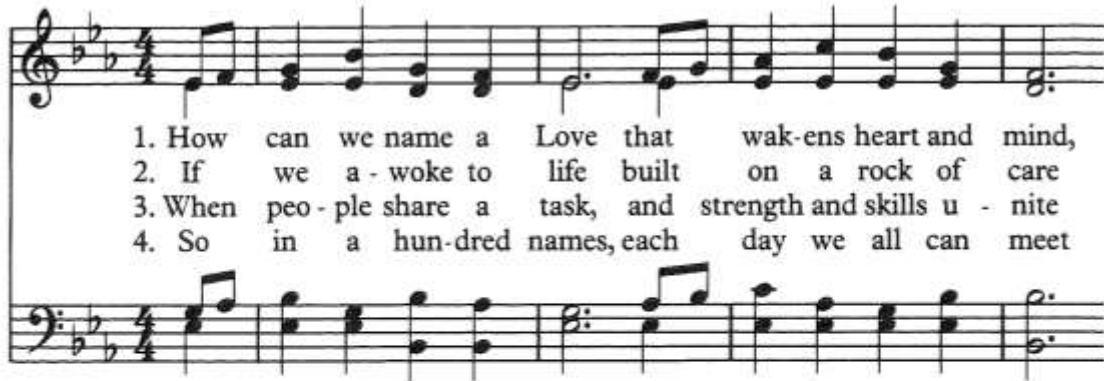
Shortly afterwards my brother and I moved away from Jacksonville to New York, and the song passed out of our minds. But the school children of Jacksonville kept singing it; they went off to other schools and sang it; they became teachers and taught it to other children. Within twenty years it was being sung over the South and in some other parts of the country. The lines of this song repay me in an elation, almost of exquisite anguish, whenever I hear them sung by Negro children.

Source: *Complete Poems of James Weldon Johnson*

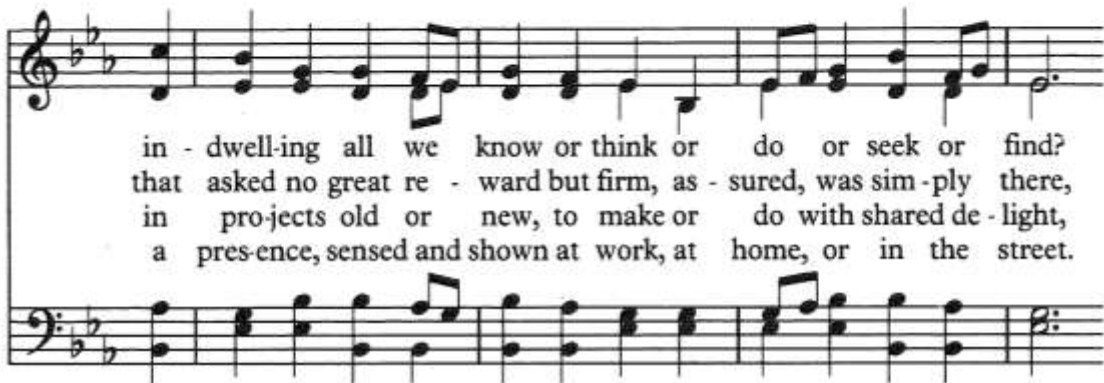
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We sing these words today to honor Dr. King and as a means of keeping these words alive.

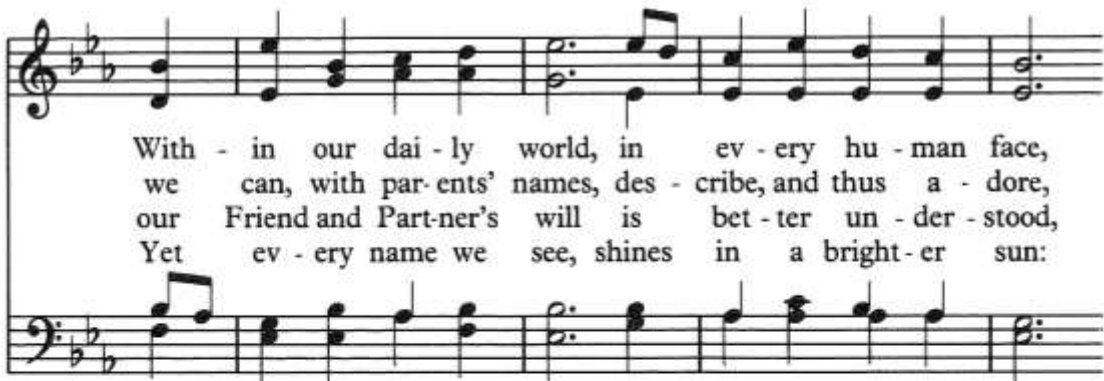
How Can We Name a Love



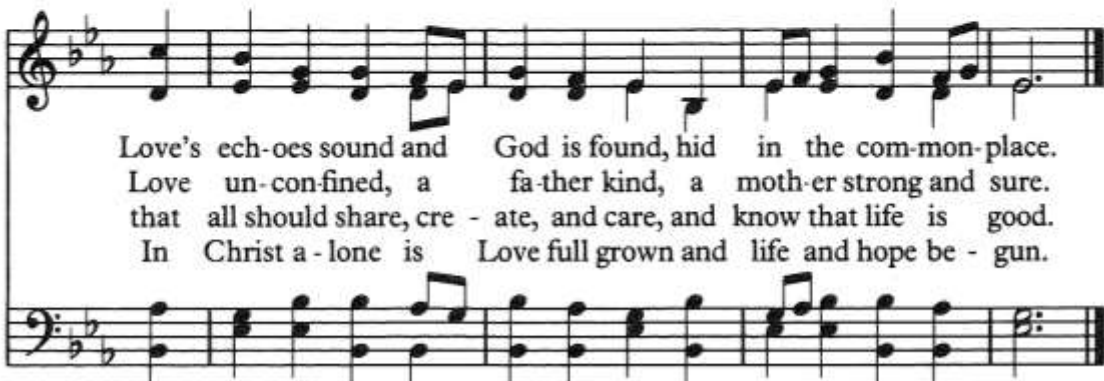
1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,
2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care
3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite
4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet



in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?
that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,
in pro-jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,
a pres-ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.



With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,
we can, with par - ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,
our Friend and Part-ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,
Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:



Love's ech-oes sound and God is found, hid in the com-mon-place.
Love un-con-fined, a fa-ther kind, a moth-er strong and sure.
that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.
In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1973
MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
SMD

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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