

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER II**  
**STUDENT CONVOCATION ON RACE RELATIONS**

16<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost

*Commemoration of Jonah*

Pre-Service Music

*stand if able*

Opening Versicles

Psalms 133 and 95:6-7

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**C: It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!**

L: It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

**C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

Gathering Hymn     “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”     LSB 686

*The assembly will sing the stanzas in bold. The soloist will sing the stanzas in Hmong.*

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

*Vaajtswnv thov Koj foom koob moov rua  
Peb txhua tug kev nyob ntawm nuav  
Koj yog tug kev muag sab dlawb pang  
Peb txha ca sab lug cuag Koj  
Tswv Yexus yog peb kev ruaj khov kbo*

*Peb yeej ncu ntsoov Koj tshaav ntuj  
Peb lug qhuas Koj peb lug fwm Koj  
Peb tau zoo nyob kaaj sab lug*

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

*Vaajtsuv Koj tub paab peb kang nkaus  
Nwg-nuav peb txhus caug pe Koj  
Koj hluv suavdlaw cov hluas cov laug  
Koj khav Yexus lug theej txhuj  
Tsvv Yexus tuag sau tug ntoo khaublig  
Nwg tsi khawxim Nwg txujsa  
Peb cov ntseeg txha yuav tsi rang txim  
Peb ua Nws havi neeg ibtxhis*

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.**

*sit*

Reading

Romans 1:14-17

Homily

*stand if able*

Hymn

“In Christ There is No East or West”

LSB 653

Prayers of the Day

Litany for Racial Justice

L: Wise and loving God our Father, you have created, and are still creating, a world rich with difference and diversity. You have created all people in your image, black, yellow, brown, red, and white, your creatures of every hue.

**C: For all this, we give you praise.**

L: For historical acts of injustice and oppression perpetuated against Native American, Black, Latino, and Asian communities in this abundant land of the First Nations:

**C: Forgive us, merciful God.**

L: For the times we have failed to recognize racism in ourselves, in our church, in our society, and the times we have failed to take action,

**C: Forgive us, long-suffering God.**

L: For complicity in systems of privilege and power over those whose skin color, culture, and ethnicity differ from those of the majority, even today:

**C: Forgive us, compassionate God.**

L: Grant us courage never to let a racist joke pass in our hearing, commitment to insist on the treatment of all persons and groups with dignity—including ourselves if oppressed—even at the risk of being unpopular or misunderstood:

**C: We beseech you, God of justice.**

L: Grant us patience in enduring periods of non-action, persistence in resisting the evil of radical oppression, and faithfulness in working toward racial justice among your people, in the church, and in the world:

**C: We beseech you, God of hope.**

L: And grant us humility and wisdom to discern how your Spirit is at work to accomplish that which human beings and groups cannot.

**C: We beseech you, God of grace.**

L: We pray in the name of your Son Jesus, himself the bread of justice and the cup of solidarity, our life and our hope.

**C: Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

*assembly prays together*

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our**

**Lord. Amen.** (Collect for Grace)

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