

A Black Heritage Program

March 10, 2019

A Prayer

God of Creation, we bow before you full of wonder, praise and adoration. Today we pause to remember ancestors who fought and died to change the world for us and for our children. In those days of trampled darkness, you were with us. You ushered in the marvelous light- just before faith died and became a note in the side bar of our memory journal.

We ask you to wash our tongues when we forget where we came from and are tempted to join the bandwagon of immigrant-bashing. Forgive us when we look down on one another, forgetting to hold each other's hands.

We give thanks for the teachers and leaders, friends-even the enemies who have shaped us. We thank you for the trials and the tribulations that encourage us to humble and flexible. We thank you alone for transformation. On this day, we recommit ourselves to struggle for justice and equality - not just for the people we know, but for all who suffer oppression.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we exalt you forever. Amen
(Carolyn Danridge) The Africana Worship Book Year C (p.242)

Prayer A Prayer for Black Heritage Month----- Congregation

Poem: "Ain't I a Woman?" Sojourner Truth ----- Stella Hughes

Reading: "A Slave Story" Sylvia Thomas

Poem: "On the Pulse of the Morning" Maya Angelou-----Annie White

Song: "The Lord is My Light"-----Adult Choir (LEVAS, P.58)

Poem: "We Wear Masks" Paul Lawrence Dunbar-----Mildred Lewis

Reading: "Michelle Obama" Ariana Lacey

Selection: "This Little Light of Mine"-----Adult Choir, Youth Choir, & Children (LEVAS, P.221)

Poem: "The Idea of My Ancestry" Etheridge Knight-----Michael Watson

Prayer: Prayer of Grace for the Food -----The Rev. Sally Weaver

Closing Song: "Lift Every Voice & Sing" (LEVAS, P. 1)

Many thanks to each of you who prepared poems, readings and the choir members for singing. We are so very grateful for all those who prepared food. Also, with our Sunday snow days, Women's History have been included in the activities.