

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**Please note there are cameras at the rear of the Sanctuary. This worship service is being livestreamed to [Facebook.com/gslcwoodstock](https://www.facebook.com/gslcwoodstock).*

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“Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America.”

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”
Traditional American Spiritual arr. Mary McDonald

Pamela Weinelt

Stand

GATHERING

“When Israel was in Egypt's Land”

Words and Music African American Spiritual; Arr. John W. Work ©Public Domain



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com - mand it did di - vide,



Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er,
let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

LITANY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.☐ Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.☐ Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering. Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet; Remembering lives and freedom stolen.☐ Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go. Celebration rises, naming the victories, | <p>recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.☐ Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine. |
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Sit

WORD

SANKOFA- The West African spiritual proverb and teaching reminds us to "Go back and fetch it". This involves taking hold of our past, our history in such a way that it becomes nourishment and guidance for journeying into our future.

"Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. Now I've been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave." ~ Harriet Tubman

"Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one's thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the right which they first of all strike down. They know its power. Thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers, founded in injustice and wrong, are sure to tremble, if men are allowed to reason.. Equally clear is the right to hear. To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker."
~ Frederick Douglass

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

Pew Bible, Page 681

At the conclusion of the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

- A** But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- C** **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!**
- A** Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
- C** **I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**
- A** You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- C** **For he did not despise or abhor**

**the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.**

- A** From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- C** **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**
- A** All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
- C** **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

Pew Bible, page 1061

At the conclusion of the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW # 172

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. The score includes various musical notations such as chords, beams, and rests.

P The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Ronald Bonner, Sr.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ELW #650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

APOSTLES' CREED

G I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(As the Assisting Minister closes each petition with the words, "Lord in your mercy," worshipers respond with the words, "hear our prayer").

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

(The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)



Sit
OFFERING

Please sign and pass the "Who's Who in the Pew" attendance book down your pew row.

We encourage you to leave your gifts to the work of the Lord as the Spirit leads you. For those watching online, you may donate through many various ways detailed on our donation page of our website, gslutheran.org. We also encourage you to sign-up for SIMPLY GIVING or online giving through the VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT app for consistent reoccurring gifts.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Peace Like a River"
-Donald Moore

Chancel Choir

Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all time and in all place give thanks and praise....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Sit

COMMUNION

† All are invited to come and receive the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.

† Follow the directions of the ushers, who will release you from your rows toward the center aisle. Come forward and kneel at the altar railing. If you wish to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will place a piece of bread in your hand. Receive the red wine or white grape juice by individual glass. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

† Those who do not wish to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

† Return to your seats by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

"There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

Words and Music by Doris Akers
©1962 Manna Music, Inc.

There's a sweet, sweet, Spir - it in this place, _____

and I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; _____

there are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____

and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place. _____

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"I'm Gonna' Sing Medley"
-Traditional American Spirituals

Praise Team

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = ♩. The melody consists of 28 measures, divided into three stanzas. Each stanza is accompanied by lyrics. The first stanza (measures 1-12) includes the lyrics: "1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!". The second stanza (measures 13-24) includes: "2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.". The third stanza (measures 25-28) includes: "3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A-long the way I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.".

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A-long the way
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Words by John Newton (verses) with additional lyrics by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio
Music: Traditional American Melody, arr. and chorus by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio
©2006 worshiptogether.com Songs|sixsteps Music

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VERSE 1,2,3

1. A - maz - ing__ grace! how__ sweet the sound__ That
grace that__ taught my__ heart to fear;__ And
Lord has__ prom - ised__ good to me;__ His

saved a__ wretch like__ me! I__ once was__ lost but
grace my__ fears re - lieved. How__ pre - cious__ did that
word my__ hope se - cures. He__ will my__ shield and

now am found;__ Was blind but__ now__ I see. 2. 'Twas
grace ap - pear__ The hour I__ first__ be - - -
por - tion be__ As long as__ life__ en - - -

2,3 to CHORUS

CHORUS

lieved. My chains are gone, I've been set__ free,__ My God, my
dures.

Sav - ior__ has ran - somed me. And like a__ flood His mer - cy

reigns, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. 3. The

to final verse

VERSE

grace. 4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, The

sun for - bear to__ shine. But God who called__ me here be - low,__ will

be for - ev - er mine. will be for - ev - er mine, You

are for - ev - - - er mine.

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
 2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
 3 We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace,
 4 We shall see the Lord, we shall see the Lord,
 5 We are not a - fraid, we are not a - fraid,
 6 God is on our side, God is on our side,



we shall o - ver - come some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we shall all have peace some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we shall see the Lord some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we are not a - fraid to - day. Oh, deep in our
 God is on our side to - day. Oh, deep in our



hearts we do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve we shall all have peace some - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve we shall see the Lord some - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve we are not a - fraid to - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve God is on our side to - day.

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, unto life everlasting.
- C Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.**

SENDING

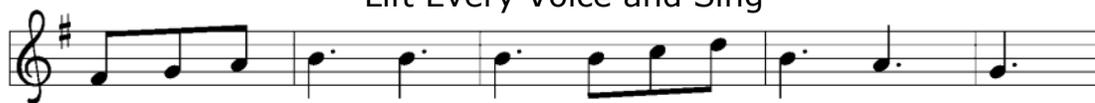
CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

- P** "Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit."

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

- C Amen.**



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

PLEASE BE SEATED
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.



Attendance Last Sunday
8:30—59 10:45 AM - 60
Online - 17

Face masks are encouraged at Good Shepherd.

The Altar flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given by Brenda Kviten-Schumaker in Celebration and in Memory of all fathers.

LIKE YOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME?
Please sign-up in the Administrative Hallway to help purchase refreshments for fellowship after the worship services. The cost is \$30/ Sunday. Thank you.



Thank you to Brenda Kviten-Schumaker for providing our Fellowship this morning.

Year to date May Financials
Actual \$ 503,009.13 Budget \$ 546,908.26
(\$43,899) Behind
Pledges collected - 92

WELCOME PASTOR RONALD BONNER, SR.

The Rev. Ronald S. Bonner, Sr. serves as Redeemer's Associate Pastor for Community Engagement following his call in 2018.



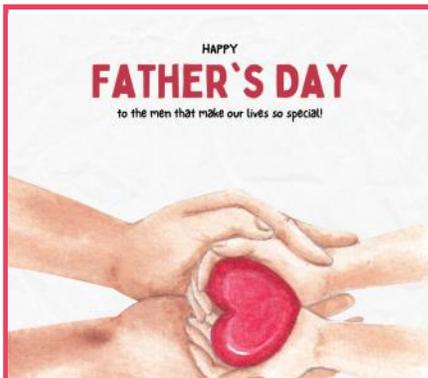
Pastor Ron has a call to creating and developing a Church where all are welcome. Prior to his current call, Pastor Ron served as the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Atlanta for ten years. He also served as the Manager for Multicultural Resources for Augsburg Fortress Publishers in Minneapolis. He was ordained in The United Church of Christ through Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois, to his first called position as the Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity for the United Church of Christ at UCC headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Prior his graduation from seminary in 1995, Pastor Ron worked in Corporate America in various roles, including National Account Data Sales Executive, Equal Employment Opportunity Investigator for AT&T and Marketing Executive for IBM. He also served Trinity UCC, as a Deacon, Bible Study Teacher, and a member of his congregation's Board of Long-Range Planning. There, he was involved in the decision making in the building of an 87,000 square foot worship center and building two senior citizen living facilities.

Pastor Bonner was awarded a D.Min from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in May of 2022.

He is the husband of Rev. Dr. Rosetta E. Ross, Professor of Religious Studies at Spelman College of Atlanta, the father of two sons, the grandfather of 5, and the great grandfather of one (Aspen). Pastor Ron is also the author of "No Bigotry Allowed: Losing the Spirit of Fear," which was a resource for the 2016 Southeastern Synod Leadership Convocation; "The Seat," a short story looking at issues of radicalized law enforcement; and the editor of 3 religious devotionals.

Three of Pastor Ron's foundational and favorite Scriptures are Psalm 46:10, Romans 1:16, and Matthew 6:33.



To all the men of Good Shepherd. Please pick up a small token of our appreciation as you leave the worship service today.

Stock up on those Dad Jokes!



We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM; FOR RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES VISIT GSLUTHERAN.ORG/SERMONS
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Aaron Frink Custodian

Caring for Creation

We continue our recycling collections of batteries, oral care waste and Hefty Energy Bags of "hard to recycle items". Thank you for your continued help in keeping these items out of landfills. Be sure to read our most recent article about sustainable clothing on our Caring for Creation page on our website.



Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, June 21st 7 PM
Kani House
2455 Towne Lake Pky #110
Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, June 26

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

Deep Roots Wine Market and Tasting Room
Plum Tree Village, 1055 Canton St. #100,
Roswell, 30075

\$15 (\$5 to Habitat)

Tastings (32 wines to choose from) + Silent Auction.

Come join us for Fellowship and a good cause. Arrive any time after 4:30 PM and stay a while! Get details about our "Taste of Habitat" event on our webpage at gslutheran.org, under the community tab - selecting Habitat for Humanity.

Blanket Making Event

WHO: GSLC COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS
WHEN: JUNE 24TH DURING YOUR TIME SLOT
FOR: MUST MINISTRIES

WHY: HELP GIVE TIE BLANKETS TO THE HOMELESS DURING THE COLDER SEASONS
ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED.

SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT
BY FOLLOWING THIS QR
CODE
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GSLUTHERAN WEBSITE
UNDER "YOUTH" TAB



<https://gslutheran.org/sign-up-central-online/>

DATE CHANGE

If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd and seeing if this is the time you would like to become a member, please join us for a class on June 26, at 9:45 AM, in the Meeting Room for New Member Orientation. This will be a time to hear about the history of the Lutheran church as well as our synod and congregation and all the different groups and committees at Good Shepherd. If you have any questions, or would like to let us know you will be coming, please contact the office.



New Member Sunday to join Good Shepherd is scheduled for July 10th.

We are also looking for members interested to "Shepherd" our new members." If this is an area that you feel called to serve, please contact Pastor Ruth.



Read your Sheep Buzz ! It gets delivered to your e-mail inbox every Friday around 3 PM. Want to get a text when it gets sent? Join our Remind Text Notifications group. On your

mobile device simply text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010

Look for the June Sunday Servants

online—We have scheduled Sunday Servants. A link is available on our [website](#) home page.

Summer is upon us! Please let the office know if you have vacation plans or will be taking any time away so we can schedule appropriately for everyone.

Send your notice e-mail to office@gslutheran.org



Today's Music Notes.

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land "Go Down Moses"

The text is from Exodus 5:1.

"The song discusses themes of freedom, a very common occurrence in spirituals. In fact, the song actually had multiple messages, discussing not only the metaphorical freedom of Moses but also the physical freedom of runaway slaves, and many slave holders outlawed this song because of those very messages"

"Sarah Bradford's authorized biography of Harriet Tubman, *Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman* (1869), quotes Tubman as saying she used "Go Down Moses" as one of two code songs with fugitive slaves to communicate when fleeing Maryland. Tubman began her underground railroad work in 1850 and continued until the beginning of the Civil War, so it's possible Tubman's use of the song predates the origin claimed by Lockwood. Some people even hypothesize that she herself may have written the spiritual. Others claim that Nat Turner, who led one of the most well-known slave revolts in history, either wrote or was the inspiration for the song"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Go_Down_Moses 06/13/2022

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

The song was written by Doris Akers 1922-1995 and published in 1962.

"**Doris Mae Akers** was a biracial African-American gospel music composer, arranger and singer"

"Akers received many awards including back-to-back "Gospel Music Composer of the Year" in both 1960 and 1961. "Doris Akers Day" was held in Kirksville, Missouri in July, 1976. Akers was the headline act of the city's American Bicentennial celebration, with approximately 20,000 people attending an evening concert."

"In 1992, Akers was honored by the Smithsonian Institution as 'the foremost black gospel songwriter in the United States'. She was posthumously inducted to the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2001. In 2011 Doris Akers was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doris_Akers 06/13/2022

I'm Going on a Journey

"*I'm Going on a Journey*" was written by Edward V. Bonnemère 1921-1996, and published by Augsburg Fortress in 1994.

"In the mid-1960s, Bonnemère was one of the proponents of an Africanization of the Catholic Mass spearheaded by Fr Clarence Rivers, as part of the Black Catholic Movement. In 1965 he wrote—influenced by Mary Lou Williams—the *Missa Hodierna* for jazz ensemble and choir, which was first presented in 1966 during a service in Harlem's St. Charles Borromeo Church, making history as the first US Jazz Mass ever. This mass was also performed in the Town Hall together with Howard McGhee's instrumental composition *Bless You*."

"In later years he worked as a church musician and composed the *Missa Laetare* and other liturgical works. He was also

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musical director of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Manhattan, whose choir recorded his *Mass for Every Season* in 1969."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie_Bonnem%C3%A8re
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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Original lyrics by John Newton 1725-1807

"**Amazing Grace** is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written in 1772 by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725–1807). It is an immensely popular hymn, particularly in the United States, where it is used for both religious and secular purposes."

"Newton wrote the words from personal experience. He grew up without any particular religious conviction, but his life's path was formed by a variety of twists and coincidences that were often put into motion by others' reactions to what they took as his recalcitrant insubordination. He was pressed (conscripted) into service in the Royal Navy. After leaving the service, he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, so severely that he called out to God for mercy. This moment marked his spiritual conversion but he continued slave trading until 1754 or 1755, when he ended his seafaring altogether. Newton began studying Christian theology and later became an abolitionist."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazing_Grace 06/07/2022

Chris Tomlin was commissioned to write additional lyrics for the movie "Amazing Grace" about the life of British abolitionist William Wilberforce. He changed the traditional 3/4 time signature to 4/4 and added the chorus *My Chains Are Gone*.

<https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/tomlin-contributes-additional-lyrics-to-amazing-grace-for-movie/>
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Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday, June 19, 2022

I. Call to order – Tony Endozo

A. Opening prayer

B. Reading of Mission Statement – ALL

“We are called, gathered, and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.”

C. Approval of Agenda – ALL

II. Call of New Pastor

A. Motion to call new pastor with compensation package as presented

“The congregation council has approved the selection of the Reverend Rosalina “Rosy” Rivera as primary candidate for call. As such, council recommends that with prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit Good Shepherd Lutheran Church extend to the Reverend Rosy Rivera a call to serve as Pastor according to terms specified in the Definition of Compensation, Benefits and Responsibilities of the Pastor and the compensation package as presented.”

B. Presentation of vote results

III. Closing prayer

IV. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn

B. Dismissal



Bio for Rev. Rosalina Rivera



Hello! I am Pastor Rosy. I've been in ministry for 8 years and I just wanted to share a few things about me.

I am 51 and single. The only child I have is a 7lb Chihuahua appropriately named Sassy. I named her that for the way she walks...kinda Sassy. I have had her since my first year in ministry. She usually comes to the office with me every day. She is an unusual Chihuahua in that she doesn't bark and loves people. I am hoping to continue bringing her to the office.

I was raised Catholic but became Lutheran when I was 12 through my stepdad. I have 3 siblings: 1 brother, 2 sisters and an additional ½ sister and ½ brother. I have 4 nephews and 1 niece. Most of my family is in North Carolina, including my mother who I talk to almost every day.

I attended Lenoir-Rhyne University in North Carolina and graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Music Education. Taught in Dallas, TX for several years before I resigned. Worked in residential and commercial lighting for several years before going to seminary. I attended Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA and graduated in 2013. My first call was in Pflugerville, TX in a very large community of faith where I served as an Associate Pastor. I left there in 2017 and moved to Ohio in 2017 where I have served as a solo Pastor.

I enjoy camping, fishing, adult coloring books, reading, playing games and spending time with friends and family. I love to laugh and laugh most at myself! One of my best friends lives in Doraville, GA.

I hope you have found all this helpful and now know more about me. I look forward to learning more about you!



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