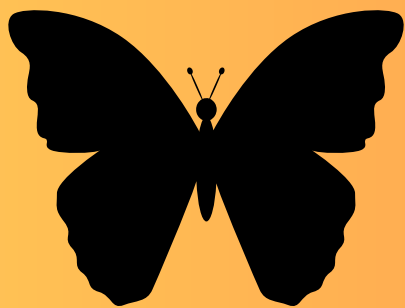


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FREEDOM DAY

Worship Litany & Resources

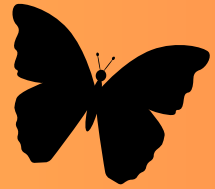


"... Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free."

Psalm 146:6-7

Our God, Our work!

Call to Worship



One: Welcome to this day God has made. A day given to us all, for us all, by a just God. Hallelujah!

Many: Born free, God and God's people have been disregarded by abduction, enslavement, and unimaginable acts of terror in this nation. Still we say, "Our Redeemer lives."

One: Thanks be to God we can rejoice over the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in celebrating Juneteenth--a day where help arrived to set the captive free.

Many: We offer praise because delay does not keep God's gift of freedom from persisting. Like God's love, it will 'push and pull' its way forward.

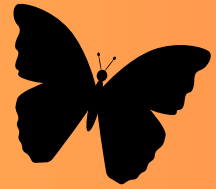
One: Let us remember the Creator's intention for our lives. Let us accept our call as Christians to do greater works that all would live free.

Many: We know history, including the life of Jesus, has shown us that justice requires the love, courage, and action of people standing up for people.

One: Holy God, we are an extension of You. Let us never grow comfortable with harm to humanity.

All: We celebrate Juneteenth for the lessons, for the freedom, and for the incarnate love of God that is always active.
Amen.

Resources



**Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
Juneteenth Digital Toolkit:**

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/juneteenth-digital-toolkit>

National Council of Churches A.C.T. Now to End Racism:

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/a-c-t-now-to-end-racism/reparations/reparatory-justice-webinar-series/>

Council for World Mission: Ecumenical Zacchaeus Tax Campaign

<https://www.cwmission.org/zactax-campaign-relaunched-in-africa/>

Freedom, Justice, and Reparation Songs:

<https://commonhymnal.com/songs>

