

# First United Methodist Church of Elgin

February 28, 2021



## Prelude

### “Fugue in C Major”

*D. Buxtehude*

Dr. Mindy Pugh

## Welcome & Announcements

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

## Call to Worship

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

When the world divides us,

*Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.*

When the world calls us orphans,

*Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.*

When the world leads us astray,

*Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!*

## Opening Hymn

### “Lead Me, Guide Me”

*African Methodist Episcopal Hymnal #378*

Pastor Alisa Niles\*, Debbie Potts, and Matthew Weber

Accompanied by Dr. Mindy Pugh

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Opening Prayer

Cindy Palm, Lay Servant

## **“No More Night”**

*Joseph W. Daniels Jr.*

Our Lord and our God, we come before you this day in the humility of our hearts, looking forward to the day, O Lord, when there will be no more dark nights for those shackled, abused, and oppressed by the injustices of society. You told us that if we worshiped with you with our lives and whole hearts that, one day, we would see no more night. No more night, Lord, for our young black men and women finding themselves in a jail cell faster than a college classroom. No more night, Lord, for our single mothers and fathers working two and three jobs just to put food on the table and clothes on the backs of our children. No more night, Lord, for our black immigrants who change identity and dodge authorities to avoid deportation. No more night, Lord, for all who suffer from injustice and oppression. Our God, we pray today that we will soon see the days of no more night. We pray that our nation will walk by your light. We pray that our people will pursue your light. We pray that your glory will always be reflected in our lives. And we yearn for the time when all of your children will worship you in your light and reign forever and ever. No more night, Lord. Lead us to your light. We pray this in the name of your Son Jesus, who taught us to pray saying,

***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, for ever. Amen.***

Offertory

Pastor Keith Niles\*

## **“Jesus is Love”**

Ways to Give:

Mail your tithes and offerings to:  
First UMC Elgin  
216 E. Highland Ave.  
Elgin IL 60120

Give Online:  
Visit the Online Giving page on the First  
UMC Elgin website @ [fumcelgin.org/give](http://fumcelgin.org/give)  
or visit [paypal.me/fumcelgin](https://paypal.me/fumcelgin)

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## Sermon Text

Pastor Keith Niles\*

### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>7 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

<sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and the kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

<sup>15</sup>God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

## Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

## Meditation

Pastor Alisa Niles\*

“I Give Myself Away”

*W. McDowell*

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

“A Royal Order”

## Closing Hymn

“Lift Every Voice”

*United Methodist Hymnal #519*

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**Sending Forth**

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

**Response**

**"As We Go"**

*Worship & Song #3183*

Debbie Potts and Matthew Weber  
Accompanied by Dr. Mindy Pugh

**Postlude**

Dr. Mindy Pugh

**"March from 'Occasional Oratorio'"**

*G. F. Handel*

\*Pastors Keith and Alisa Niles will join us each Sunday in February as part of our celebration of Black History Month. They share their faith through the New Wave of Glory Ministries organization.



The history of The United Methodist Church often overlaps the history of the United States. **Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley** (July 7, 1851 – July 26, 1933) was an American Methodist minister and gospel music composer. He was self-educated and known for his powerful preaching. His congregation became one of the largest Methodist churches in the United States in the 1920s, with nearly 10,000 members. In 1927, the church took the name, Tindley Temple. The church in Philadelphia is now on the national historic register because of its architecture. But Tindley Temple was made famous because of the dynamic pastor who drew huge crowds in the '20s and composed a very familiar song. Rev. Tindley is credited with writing lyrics in 1901 that are now part of one of the most famous songs in American history. "Blacks and whites and Jews and Catholics all stood across this country in the '60s singing '**We Shall Overcome,**' not even understanding that the universal language they were singing came from the son of a slave. Now, you want to talk about being proud to be Methodist; that's a reason to be proud to be Methodist."

# **Announcements**

**02.28.2021**

## **Altar Flowers/Radio Sponsorship**

Dates are still available to sponsor the weekly altar flowers and radio broadcasts. Altar flowers are \$50.00 per week and the radio is \$100.00. Sign-up and make payments online @ [fumcelgin.org](http://fumcelgin.org)

## **Joys and Concerns**

Joys and Concerns can be submitted via the First UMC Elgin website by visiting [fumcelgin.org](http://fumcelgin.org) or sending an email to Amy in the church office. Your prayer requests will be shared with the congregation via email and during the Sunday morning worship service.