

Black Lives Matter: A Service of Lament

Inglewood
first united methodist church
Sunday, July 19, 2020

A Service by Cal-Pac Black Methodists for Church Renewal & Methodist Federation for Social Action.

Introit	<i>"Kumbayah"</i>	Inglewood First UMC
Welcome		Marissa Wells
Opening Prayer		Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse
Call to Worship		Rev. Gary Bernard Williams
Opening Hymn		Faith UMC (Torrance)
Scripture	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	Monalisa Tu'itahi
Song of Preparation	<i>"Inner City Blues"</i>	Inglewood First UMC
Sermon	<i>"The Power of Lament"</i>	Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Invitation		Rev. Sandie Richards
Going Forth		

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE:

Cal-Pac Black Methodists for Church Renewal and the Cal-Pac Methodist Federation for Social Action came together in the beginning of 2020 to plan a worship service originally slated for April 4, the anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

The outbreak of COVID-19 forced the cancellation of that in-person service; however, in the months since we decided to do a recorded service to honor Black Lives. We dedicate this service to Sandra Bland and to all whose lives were taken prematurely due to violence against Black people.



Honoring Sandra Bland

Sandra Annette Bland, known as Sandy by her friends and family, was born in 1987. She grew up in Dupage County, just west of Chicago, one of 5 daughters born to Geneva Reed.

On Thursday July 10, 2015, she was pulled over on a pretext, was brutalized and arrested. Three days later, on July 13, in Waller County, Texas, Sandra Bland was discovered hanging in her jail cell.

The officer who arrested her had a history of pretextual traffic stops, logging 1600 traffic tickets in his first year (2014) of working in the Sheriff's office, He was later fired for not following proper procedure in Sandra Bland's traffic stop, and was indicted for committing perjury during the investigation of her death.

Today we remember Sandra Bland. We uphold her community, her church, and her family in prayer. We will not forget her. #BlackLivesMatter

We thank:

Inglewood First UMC Music Ministry: Nell Walker, Director of Music & Arts; Lunden Clayborn & Ashley Chiles, soloists.

*Sara & Devo Band, Faith UMC (Torrance)
Chad Uemara, Media Ministry, Faith UMC (Torrance)*

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