

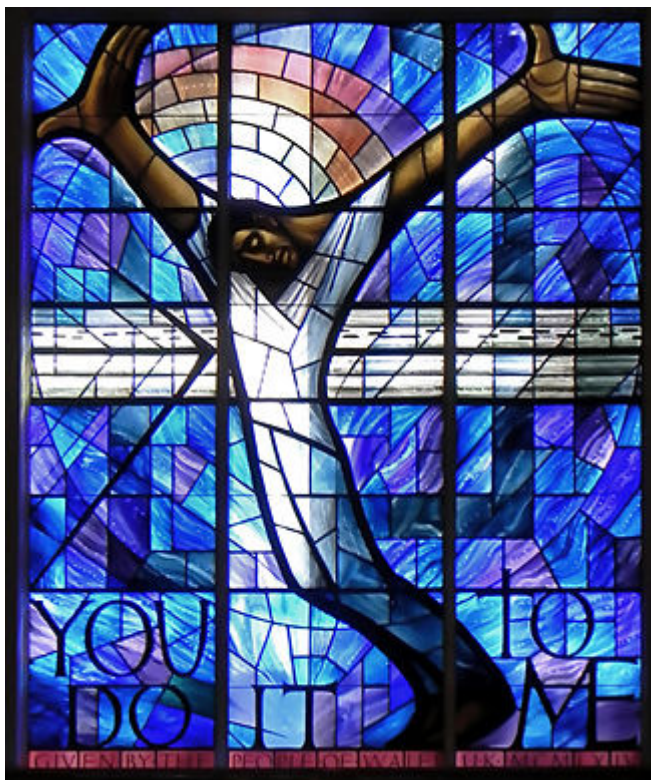
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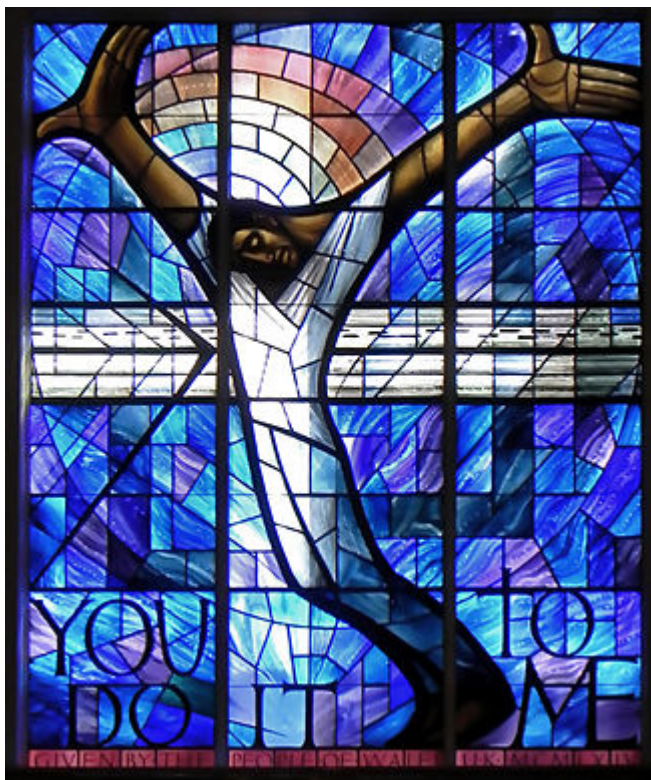


March 17, 2024

Over the past five or six weeks, the Racial and Ethnic Justice Ministry Team (REJMT) has been leading us through the Lenten liturgy, calling us to pay attention to the harms that white supremacy has made to our church, and perpetuated through our church. As we planned these six weeks, we thought about whether we needed to structure the content of what our team would collectively preach on, and while we ultimately decided to let the Spirit speak through each of us individually, I think at one point Peter came up with a nifty five “A”s framework for us preachers to consider – awareness, acknowledgement, acceptance, action/accountability.

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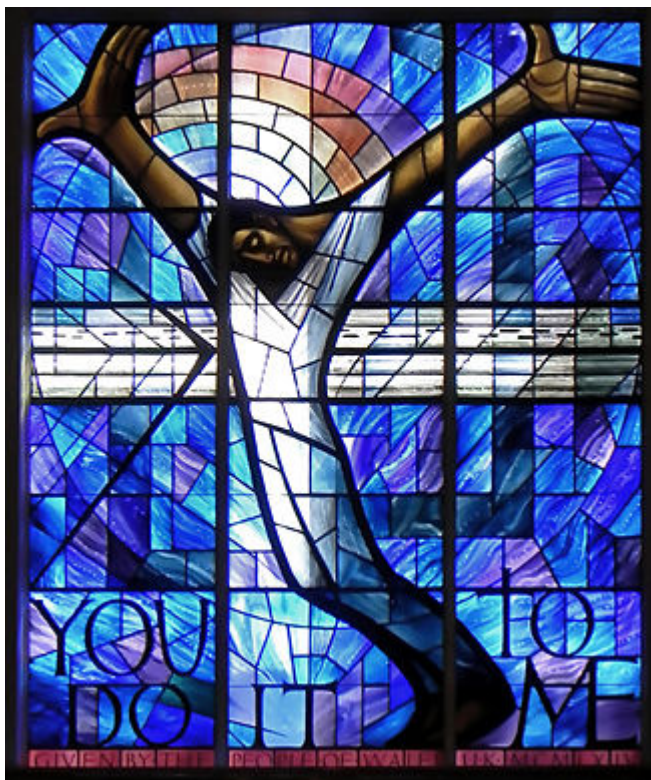


March 10, 2024

In our scripture from the book of Numbers, the Israelites were wandering through the desert. They weren't a unified community, but rather a combination of (1) Moses and Eleazar – Aaron's son, (2) the Levites, and (3) all the rest of the Israelites, who complained, "Why did you bring us from Egypt to die in the desert? We don't have bread, we don't have water, and the manna tastes disgusting!" God sent poisonous snakes among them. Many were bitten and some died. So the people apologized to Moses for speaking against God and against him and they begged him to ask God to take away the snakes. And Moses did.

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“We are All the Same in God's Eyes” by Paul Holmes



March 3, 2024

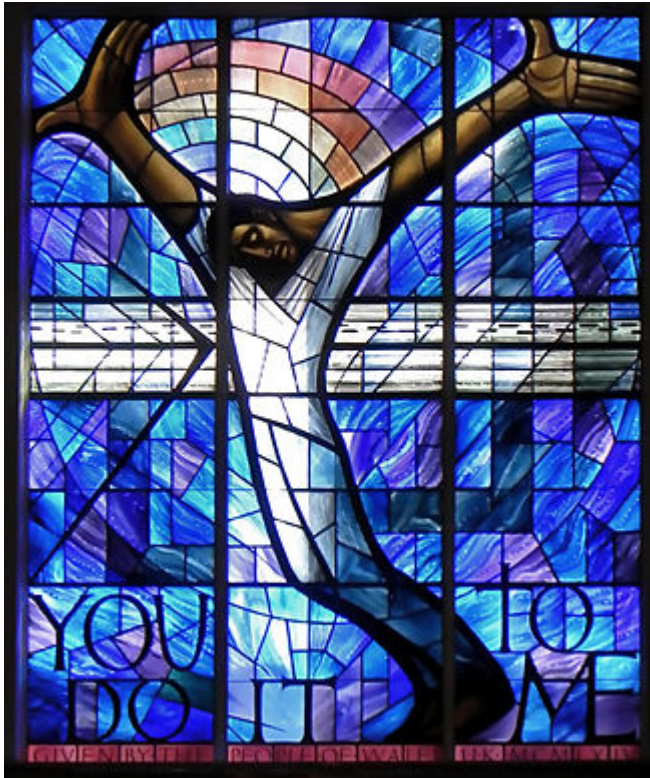
“We are all the same in God’s eyes.” “We are all the same in God’s eyes.” We say it, but do we truly believe it? Do we really live it? And to what extent does scripture validate it?

It’s human nature to constantly compare ourselves to one another. Some are smarter. Some are stronger. Some have better jobs. Some are more centered or compassionate. Some drive newer cars or live in bigger houses. Some are more articulate, have better hair or better lawns. Etc. Etc. Swimmers compete to see who is fastest. Football teams strive to be “the best.”

While I love sports, I have to admit that the concepts of competition, hierarchy, caste, superiority and winner-take-all are dominant in our country and around the world, and those concepts can be damaging. They pervade virtually every aspect of our lives and culture. If they do better, it must mean that we are doing worse. It seems like competition reigns supreme. Meanwhile, we and our entire culture struggle to collaborate, cooperate, compromise and work together.

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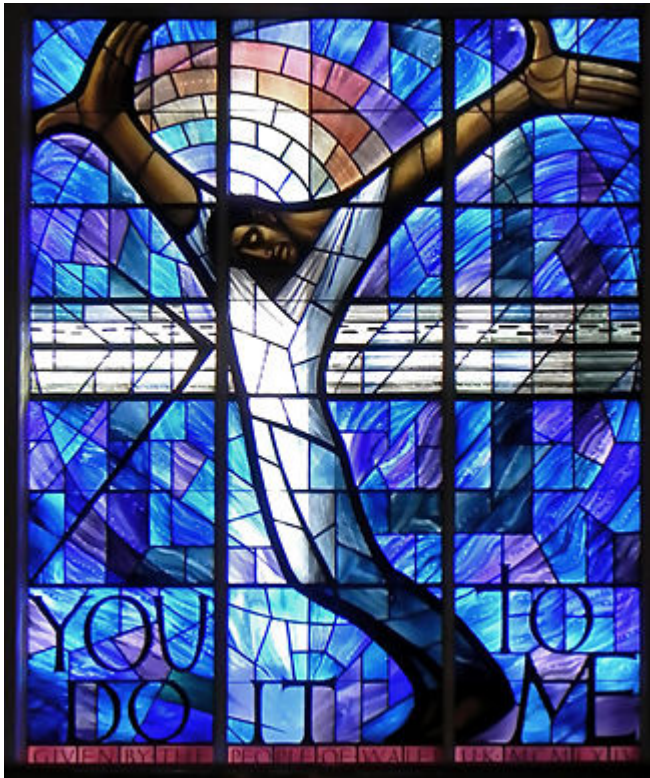
February 25, 2024

Let's pray: God of peace and justice, let the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight. Amen.

Ever since I was a pre-teen, one of my favorite bible verses has been John 8:32: "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Something about it – I have a mental image of a cage opening and bird flying out into freedom. It's beautiful. And frankly, much easier to appreciate in its simplicity than if Jesus had given the longer version that I've come to experience as an adult, which is something like: You shall know the truth, and it shall probably make you PROFOUNDLY uncomfortable, maybe even angry, it will haunt you for a while, and then hopefully if you have the courage to really wrestle with it, it will start to make some sense, and if you keep working at it, *then* the truth shall set you free.

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[“Waking Up White” by Jeanne Marcus](#)



February 18, 2024

This is the first Sunday in the Season of Lent, and I want to build on something I just learned. That is, the name Lent comes from the Old English word, “lencten”, meaning “**springtime.**” Defining Lent this way captures how preparing for a new growing season begins when the ground is still cold and dormant, and the fields look dead.

And it points to Lent as an opportunity to address ourselves to the necessary work of breaking up whatever’s become too hard and dense within us, adding spiritual nutrients and readying the soil/soul for whatever spiritual seeds that the Holy One has offered for us to grow next, individually or as a faith community.

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