

South Joplin
Christian Church



February 11, 2024



Oh, God, you know I have
no money, but you can
make the
people do for me, and you
must make the people do
for me. I will
never give you peace till
you do, God.
- Sojourner Truth

VISITORS: Please fill out a contact card from the welcome table and put it in the offering tray on your way out if you would appreciate a response from Pastor Colleen, or to be added to our email list. Thank you for worshipping with us today!



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Order of Worship

Prelude and Lighting the Christ Candle		Chris Greninger, Pianist/Organist
Introit	“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”	Children’s Bells
Welcome		Pastor Carroll

Call to Worship

Leader: Most Loving and Merciful God,
In whose law we find our guidance, in whose Love we find our healing and joy,
and in whose will we find our peace, rule over our spirits in this hour that we
will go from this worship with the freedom of those who trust you and need
have no anxiety for themselves.

All: Empower us, O God to be open to the seasons of life and give of our hearts Love generously to all in need. Grant us the silence of heart so that we can grow in your word.

Unknown, “A Prayer of Empowerment”, Xavier.edu/prayers-for-black-history-month

Opening Songs	“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”	<i>Chalice Hymnal</i> #627 African American spiritual; Public Domain
	“Steal Away to Jesus”	<i>Chalice Hymnal</i> #644 African American spiritual; Public Domain

Invitation to Prayer (You may light candles at either station to aid in your personal prayer time prior to corporate prayer. Leave written requests in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.)

Prayer Song	“Kum ba Yah”	<i>Chalice Hymnal</i> #590 Stz.4 African American spiritual; Public Domain
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Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)		Pastor Carroll
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Scripture Reading	Esther 4:12-17 (NRSV*)	Connie Abraham
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Sermon	“Sojourner Truth”	Dr. Megan Bever and Pastor Carroll
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Hymn of Dedication

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Chalice Hymnal #631

African American spiritual; Public Domain

Communion Meditation and Prayer

Margie Fitterling, Elder

Words of Institution

Pastor Carroll

Participation (Please come forward to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you prefer to be served while seated.)

Offertory

Margie Fitterling, Elder

Mission Challenge and Announcements

Pastor Carroll

Closing Song and

Changing the Christ Candle

“We Shall Overcome”

Chalice Hymnal #630 Stz.1,3,6

African American spiritual; Public Domain

Sending

Leader: Open unto me, light for my darkness; courage for my fear.

All: Open unto me, hope for my despair; peace for my turmoil.

Leader: Open unto me, joy for my sorrow; strength for my weakness.

All: Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion; forgiveness for my sins.

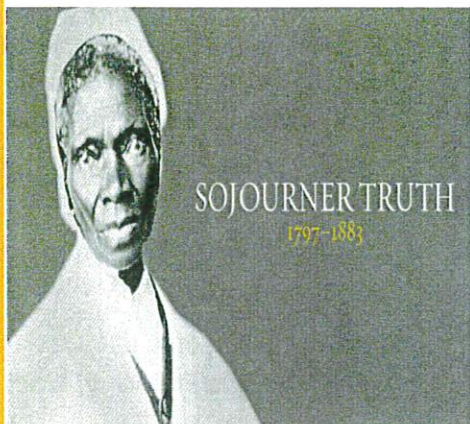
Leader: Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness; love for my hates.

All: Open unto me, Thy Self for myself. Lord, Lord, open unto me!

- Howard Thurman, from "*Meditations of the Heart*" (revised)

Postlude

Chris Greninger



Sojourner Truth was a nineteenth-century preacher, abolitionist, and feminist activist, who has become a symbol for the inclusion of Black and working-class voices in the conversation of women's rights. Isabella, who later renamed herself "Sojourner Truth", was born around 1797 in New York. As a child and young adult, Isabella was enslaved, along with her husband and children. After state laws enabled her emancipation, Isabella joined the laboring classes, became an evangelical itinerant minister, and spent years searching for community. She spoke out against the evils of slavery, and she served communities of freed people during the Civil War. She died in 1883 at her home in Michigan. <https://www.norton.com/books/97803933317084>

This Week at South Joplin Christian Church

Monday, Feb. 12	Board Reports Due
Tuesday, Feb. 13	5:30 pm Courageous Conversations (Blackthorn Pizza) 6:30 pm In-Person Board Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm SJCC Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, Feb. 15	8:30 am Snack Pack Assembly
Sunday, Feb. 18	First Sunday of Lent WOC Offering #1 9:30 am S.S. 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship/CW&W Noon Fellowship Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection



We worship in spirit today with Global Ministries Mission focus for Sierra Leone. Our prayer partners for Sierra Leone is the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone.

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