

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Lent 1

March 9, 2025

Looks like what drives me crazy
Don't have no effect on you —
But I'm gonna keep on at it
Till it drives you crazy, too.

Evil ~ Langston Hughes

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

God has heard our cry.
Our God sets the oppressed free.
Our God makes a way where there was none.
We come to celebrate all that God is saving.
ALL: We will rejoice in the midst of the struggle.

Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* **VT 101**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *Everything Is Plundered*
by Anna Akhmatova

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn *I heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **VT 536**

Scripture

A Word for Reflection: *Pause ... Hold ... Resist*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Be Still and Know* **VT 37**

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *The Hand of God Shall Hold You* **VT 671**

Benediction **VT 1065**



Uttam Manna, *Bull and Kite*, 2016

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