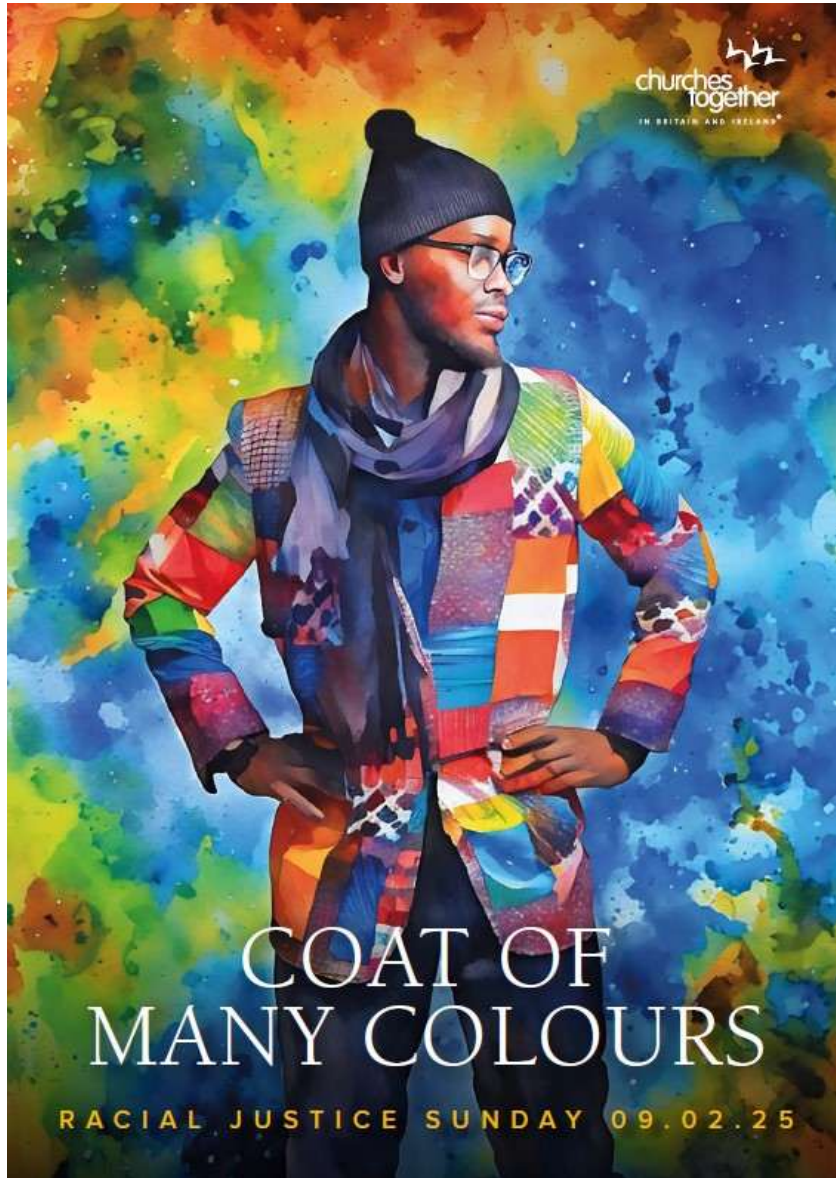




St Andrew's with Castle Gate
United Reformed Church, Nottingham



Order of Worship for Sunday 9 February 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Racial Justice Sunday

Worship led by Derek Graham

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 22:27

*All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him.*

God of all,

We come to worship You.

We proclaim Your greatness to

All the ends of the earth.

We confess that You alone are God.

We will remember and turn to the Lord.

We join our voices together in one song of ceaseless praise.

The families of the nations

will praise You, will worship You, will follow You.

We proclaim You as Lord.

We will bow down before You.

We worship You here and now together.

Hymn – We come from the mountains (*Singing the Faith* 417)

1. We come from the mountains, the valleys and plains,
the cities and farmlands awaiting the rains.
Our cultures are many, our tongues even more;
our colours the rainbow from God's artful store.
*In mission together we all join our hands,
in mission together throughout many lands.
With our hearts united our voices we raise
to God our Creator in glorious praise.*
2. Though different in culture and modes of our dress,
though strange seem our language we boldly confess
that we all are united; one people, one voice.
We're God's own creation by God's sacred choice.
In mission together... (etc)
3. In Christ we're united, all barriers fall;
there's no favoured gender, one family for all;
oppressed, rich, and needy, the weak and the strong;
one family, one people, to God all belong.
In mission together... (etc).

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Prayers of Approach & Confession and the Lord's Prayer

In Your mercy,
Forgive us, Lord.

Address 1

including extracts from the URC film "Telling It Like It Is"

Reading – Isaiah 56:1-8

Hymn - We are a rainbow (*God Welcomes All* 207)

1. We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

Refrain:
We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow,
Splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.
2. We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different
threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

Refrain

3. We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart.

Refrain

4. When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

Refrain:

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow,
Splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.
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"We are a rainbow (We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill)"
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Anthem

Prayers for the Offertory and for our Young People

(The Junior Church and Youth Group leave.)

Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

Hymn – Together through the Father's Love (URC Jubilee

hymn)

1. Together through the Father's love
we are one family.
His love in us, our love for him
holds all in unity.
Let us praise and sing
for he's good and true;
love and mercy flows.
From him all things are made new.

2. Together on the Jesus road,
we learn his servant heart,
discovering that humility
is where true blessing starts.
Let us walk his way
raise our voice in song
to the Love, whose love
is our joy and makes us one.
3. Together when the Spirit leads,
her whisper like a dove,
resisting our complacency
she kindles gifts of love.
Let the breath of life
spark in us a flame
for a hurting world
to find comfort for its pain.
4. We stand together on this day
and make our pledge in faith,
with hope for all the future holds
and trusting in your grace.
We will journey on
guided by your Word;
voices, hearts and lives
singing "Jesus Christ is Lord!"
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Address 2

Hymn – For everyone born, a place at the table (*CH4 685*)

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

*and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

Refrain

3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,

Refrain

4. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

Refrain

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn – God is working his purpose out

(Rejoice & Sing 573)

Sending (with sung Amen)

We give a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, either in the sanctuary or on-line. If you are sitting next to a microphone, it is in use.

This Service will be live-streamed and you may be seen on camera, although we will not deliberately take any close-ups of the congregation. By attending you agree to be seen in this way. If you have any concerns, please speak with our Church Secretary.

If you are visiting for the first time, please do fill out a visitor's card, which can be found in the vestibule. We would be very pleased to stay in touch with you.

Play-bags are available for our youngest friends in the vestibule. These may be used, under parental supervision, until our younger friends leave for Junior Church.

We extend a very warm invitation to you all to join us after the Service for coffee and friendship in our Fellowship Room downstairs. Please leave the sanctuary by the door on the right at the front and turn downstairs. There is a lift, if you require one. When using the lift, please keep your finger on the button until you have arrived at your destination.

If you would like to make a donation to support our Church's life and witness, donations may be made by cash in the offertory bags hanging on the end of the pews at the back of church or, at the end of the Service, on the large offertory plate by the door leading to coffee. Donations may also be made through the card reader on the shelf by the right hand door at the back of Church.

More information on our Church's life and witness may be found at
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