

2025 Freedom Sunday (February 23, 2025)
Draft Order of Service

[need to add: Meditation / Talk / Offering]

Shine

Welcome/Introduce - reason for the season

Invite congregation to please rise for the Black National Anthem (Zoey)

Lift Every Voice (congregation)

- all 3 verses?

Storyline:

Narrate history of African American people

- Africa
- Pour libations (honor ancestors - Dr. Kristee Haggins explain libations, say the 4 or 5 past influential names)
- involve the youth (do the pouring)
- pass the mic - people share past loved ones
- can print out names that the youth can share
- option: slide show visuals (influential people in history)
 - after 4 or 5 names, We Come From Greatness (only the ending)

Background info/Slavery: Rev. Kev and Rev E. narrate (if comfortable)

- share background info (1 or 2 min) about Slavery
- Wade in the Water (or medley)

Importance of church for African American people (narration)

- 3 or 4 gospel/old school song: Victory is Mine; I Woke Up This Morning with my mind set on Jesus; ...

Civil Rights movement: narration or video with a hymn (Mahalia Jackson); or just narrate

- Rev E/VOU: Rev. Charles song... "We Have Overcome" (Rev. E leads, VOU comes in at the end, coming down the aisle)

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The Future (Youth):

- Sanai: spoken word... Amanda Gorman or other / Kyree: possible rap
- India and/or Siraj: Greatest Love of All (WHouston)(might be Ashanit)
- Tomorrow (Tevin Campbell/Quincy)..or Sanai with adult choir added in the back
 - or children's choir sings "Youth Be Strong" or other song
- Ashanti

Thank you's

- The Dream Goes On