



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Ebenezer Family

Like many, as I watched the news surrounding the trial of Derek Chauvin and waiting to hear the verdict, I reflected on its meanings. Over the last year, our country has been confronted not only with a pandemic that has claimed the lives of many Americans. We have seen the continued rise of racial tension and the systematic oppression of policing in a way that will prayerfully make lasting change.

I am encouraged by the worldwide movement seeking accountability and justice for all. Like many of you, I was pleased to see accountability in Minneapolis. We realize not all officers are like Chauvin, so let us continue to pray for all law enforcement officials. The work has just begun. We must continue to educate ourselves and our community by bringing awareness to African Americans' lived experiences and live out our mission of peace, hope, and love.

We send our prayers to the family of George Floyd and others. We honor the work of advocates and organizers in being voices for those who have no voice. As a church, we will continue to be a beacon of change. In moments like these, we continue to pray for healing and unity.

In His Service,

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