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You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. Matthew 22:39

A PRAYER OF LAMENTATION

Wise and Loving God, You have made us wondrously in Your image and called us all "good." Yet, in our sin, your human creatures contradict You, saying, "No! Some humans are better than others. Some are more 'divinely made' than others."

God, You promised to set a welcome table for Your entire human family. Yet, we divided ourselves into "us and them," "haves and have nots," and "blessed and not blessed." And the oppressors enslaved, stole from, and exalted over the oppressed, and barred them from Your table.

How long, O God, will injustice overshadow justice? How long before the mighty come down and the ones despised for no good reason are lifted? How long before sorrow is replaced with rejoicing for those made in Your image, yet relegated to second place?

How much longer will racism encase Your church like lead, so that no warm sun shines in, nor Son-light shine out? How long will derision and discrimination reign? When will Your steadfast love work its way into our hearts, so much so that kin-dom living begins?

Let justice roll down today, God. Put a new song in the heart of the oppressed and the oppressors, so that we all may dance on a common ground of holy truth-telling, justice-making, and—when we've done our work—lasting reconciliation. We're still waiting, Wise and Loving God, to sing that new song.



Based on Psalm 13 – by M. Garlinda Burton, United Methodist deaconess and resource developer for the General Commission on Religion and Race Nashville, TN

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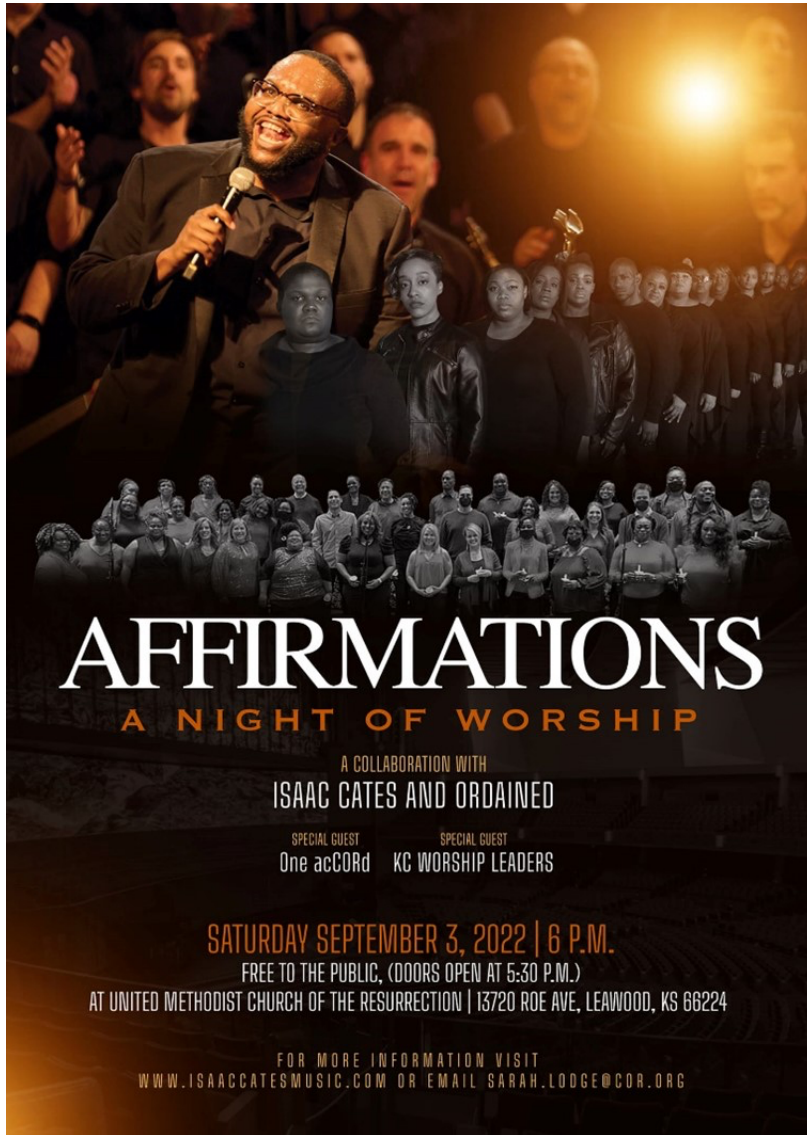
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IT'S FREE AND OPEN TO THE

PUBLIC!Saturday, September 03 – 6:00 PM
Church of the Resurrection Leawood Sanctuary



Gather your ARJ small group, your family, friends and folks from all over the Greater KC area for this inspirational evening of worship and music. Isaac Cates and

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Ordained, the One AcCORd Choir, the Salvation Choir, plus worship leaders, praise teams, choirs and singers from all genres are coming together for this special gathering. Want to sing along? Register for the mass choir and receive the music by emailing Sarah Lodge at sarah.lodge@cor.org with "Affirmations Choir Registration" in the subject line.

STARTING SEPTEMBER 17 Walking With
**Jesus Saturdays * Sept 17 & 24, Oct 15, 22 &
29 * 7:30-9:00AM**



Back by popular demand, we're heading outdoors for fellowship and light exercise. Come and meet members from our

partner churches and make new friends. Each week, we'll gather at a different local park to share interesting discussions and enjoy the beauty of nature. There is no prep work required. All you have to do is show up (arrive at 7:30AM) and we'll walk together for an hour, starting at 8:00AM. See you at the Loose Park Pavilion, 5200 Wornall Rd., KCMO on September 17th for our first walk. Crystal Hart-Johnson, a member of St. James UMC, will facilitate.

[Register Here](#)



The ARJ teams are working up some excellent events for everyone interested in making new contacts, building relationships and digging deeper into the true history of racial injustice in an effort to bring about positive changes to our world. **Till-Saturday, October 15** ARJ will host a special theatre showing of this new biographical feature film that tells the real-life story of Mamie Till-Mobley who pursued justice after the brutal murder of her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, in 1955. Film Director, Chinonye Chukwu stated recently that Mamie's story is one of resilience and courage in the face of adversity and unspeakable devastation. Mamie

combatted daily racism, sexism, and misogyny, heightened in the wake of Emmitt's murder. Mamie did not cower. Instead, she evolved into a warrior for justice and she became the catalyst for a modern-day civil rights movement. Details with time and location are forthcoming. **Brown v Board of Education National Historic Park Tour- Saturday, November 5** Plan to be on board the bus that will take us to Topeka for an amazing learning experience. Established in Topeka in 1992 by the United States Congress, the museum site commemorates the Supreme Court landmark decision aimed at ending racial segregation in public schools. The Brown v Board of Education case was consolidated with four other cases on school segregation. Inclusion of the history of all five cases shows a broader story of education racism and the legal fight against it. Circle the day on your calendar now and watch for full details to be announced soon.

**GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARTNER
CHURCHES BETTER***Forging authentic
relationships to eliminate the existing racial
divide in our communities and churches*Let's

Share Our Common Faith Great things happen when we worship together. Make a commitment to attend services in our partner churches once a month. You'll be welcomed with open arms at both St. James and Church of the Resurrection. Click the links below for more information on classes and activities at both churches: [St. James Resurrection](#) Both St. James and Resurrection have returned to modified in-person worship and gatherings while retaining the options for virtual connections. Consult websites and sign up for weekly pastor messages to better connect within our two congregations. [St. James UMC Sign up for Pastor Cleaver's Newsletter](#) [Church of the Resurrection Sign up for Pastor Adam's Newsletter](#)

OTHER INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES KCUR-89.3
NPR AND KANSAS CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY
KICKOFF EVENT – LIVE AND
ONLINE THURSDAY,
SEPT 08 – 6:00PM



KCUR 89.3, NPR in Kansas City, and the **Kansas City Public Library** kick off **Securing Democracy**, a three-part series that invites the community and its leaders to discuss securing democracy for the present and clearing a path for a more equitable future. In the mid-19th century, voter intimidation and fraud took place as debate raged over whether Kansas should enter the Union as a free or slave state. In the early 20th century, Kansas City's Pendergast machine rigged elections and manipulated vote counts with gangsters and graft that lasted through the Truman presidency. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 codified the promise of voting for all. Still, in 2022, we are asking questions about access to voting. This panel conversation, with interaction from the audience, is designed to be a constructive conversation that not only informs attendees about our history but also, more importantly, addresses the urgent need for facts, information, and resources as we

move toward the general election in November. Library – Plaza Location in Truman Auditorium. Register for In-person and Online event here: [RSVP Now](#) Two community engagement sessions will take place at the **Bluford** and **North-East** branches in the weeks following this kickoff program. Watch for details at kclibrary.org.

**MIRACLE OF INNOCENCE GALA FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 09 RECEPTION 5:30PM – GALA**

6:15PM Miracle of Innocence, led by Resurrection Pastor Darryl Burton, will hold their 5th Annual Celebration event on Friday, September 9, in the Resurrection Leawood Foundry (Building B). Miracle of Innocence is a non-profit organization created to help free innocent men and women from prison and provide care for them when they come home. The event features dinner, dancing, and a live and silent auction. Resurrection Worship Director Isaac Cates will provide music at the gala. If you are interested in attending or donating, you can [learn more here](#).



CANAAN – A CULTURAL PRESENTATION

Friday, Sept. 16 – 7:00PM
Kansas City, Kansas Community College Culture Center
7250 State Ave, Kansas City, KS

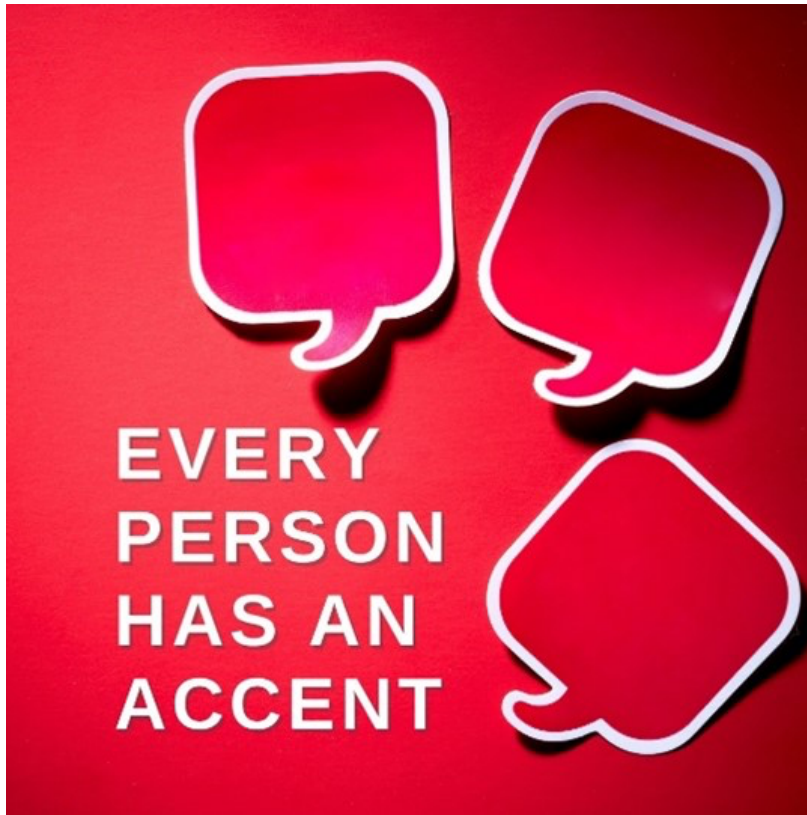
Saturday, Sept. 17 – 7:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 18 – 2:00PM
White Theatre at the J, 5801 W. 115th St, Overland Park, KS

In “Canaan”, generations collide as Washington, DC neighbors must decide where their loyalties lie when the Civil Rights Movement takes a downward turn. Written by award-winning playwright Micah Ariel Watson, the play tells the coming-of-age story of a teenager and his community, caught between

love, activism, and spirituality during 1968 – one of the most tumultuous years in American history. Directed by Sheila Kinnard, accomplished performer and retired drama teacher. Presented by the Kansas African American Museum that endeavors to make the Kansas African American experience resonate with every Kansan. For ticket information go to: <https://www.tkaamuseum.org/canaan>

TUESDAY

NIGHT VESPERS REPLAY Resurrection Senior Pastor Adam Hamilton recently shared a conversation with Dr. Nicole Price. They discussed how we, as Christians, might live with greater empathy towards others. And they gave a shout out to ARJ! Dr. Price is a follower of Christ, an author and a leadership development expert. She's been a featured speaker for ARJ programs on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. If you didn't catch the August 23 Vespers, you can watch it here: <https://fb.watch/f5fV1x5ycL/>



Often, when people born and reared in the United States refer to difficulty with another person's "accent", we may be showing implicit bias toward a person whose first language is not U.S. English. For insights from the United Methodist Commission on Religion & Race

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