## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and continues until the first Sunday of Lent. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "appearing" and during this time we celebrate the ways Christ was made manifest to the world: through the coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of our Lord, and Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine at Cana. Symbols of Epiphany are the Star and Light. Today we also celebrate the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING Jason W. Crosby

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

INTROIT Thanks Be to God Marty Haugen
Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano quoting We Shall Overcome

Thanks be to God when people care, thanks be for friends and loved ones, thanks be to God forever and ever.

Thanks be to God for food and home, thanks be for health and laughter, thanks be to God forever and ever.

Thanks be to God when hatred ends, thanks be for peace and safety, thanks be to God forever and ever.

Teach us the way of your peace, kindle your fire within us, give us a vision of a world where people care for each other.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome some day. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome some day.

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INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 36 Bless His Holy Name BLESS HIS HOLY NAME

A LITANY OF REDEDICATION (SEE INSERT)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 Leslie Picken

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When

Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Roy Ringwald

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano; Beth Wade, soprano

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.

I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past:

I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free;

For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT Andrea V. Woolley

\*Hymn of Guidance 561 Just a Closer Walk with Thee CLOSER WALKI

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP Jason W. Crosby

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Andrea V. Woolley

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN, arr. Jane Tynan and Louie Bailey

Jane Tynan, mandola; Louie Bailey, organ

\*EPIPHANY DOXOLOGY 46 To God Be the Glory MY TRIBUTE

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 518 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands WHOLE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*SILENCE

\*Postlude Morning Reflections Louie Bailey

\* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

<sup>\*</sup>Invitation to Discipleship and Community

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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.
- Cover: The First Two Disciples; JESUS MAFA, 1973, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
- Litany of Rededication from For the Living of these Days: Resources for Enriching Worship, edited by C. Michael Hawn.