

JANUARY 20, 2019

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

10:45 AM

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

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

Andrea V. Woolley

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Please take a moment to complete the section at the top of the insert, fold and tear it off at the perforation and put it in the offering plate. Or, you may share contact info or comments with us by sending a text message to 502-295-0285.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

GATHERING SONG

We Shall Overcome

Pete Seeger

All: We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday.

Men: We’ll walk hand in hand. We’ll walk hand in hand. We’ll walk hand in hand someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday.

Women: We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace. We shall lie in peace someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday.

All: We are not afraid. We are not afraid. We are not afraid today.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday.

All: God will see us through. God will see us through. God will see us through today.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday.

Traditional, adapted by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Clay Carawan and Pete Seeger

INVOCATION

Andrea V. Woolley

*HYMN OF PRAISE 36

Bless His Holy Name

BLESS HIS HOLY NAME

A LITANY OF REDEDICATION (SEE INSERT)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

*HYMN OF GUIDANCE 561

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

CONSISTENT PROPHETIC VOICES

Jason W. Crosby

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brittani M. Bair

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

Darrell Adams

*EPIPHANY DOXOLOGY 46

To God Be the Glory

MY TRIBUTE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

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

Jason W. Crosby

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

*Worshippers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

- CDs of today's service may be ordered through the church office.
- Texts are reprinted by permission of CCLI License 1801331 and One License A718444.
- 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.

A Litany of Rededication

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a preacher and prophet, with a dream of justice and peace for all people. And this is what he said:

I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values.

We must rapidly begin to shift from a "thing-oriented" society to a "person-oriented: society.

When machines, computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people,

The giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered.¹

To this dream we rededicate ourselves.

Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted to be remembered as a "drum major for justice." And this is what he said:

There are some things in our society and in our world of which I'm proud to be maladjusted, which I call upon all people of good will to be maladjusted, until the good society is realized.

I never intend to become adjusted to segregation and discrimination.

I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few.

I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effect of physical violence.²

To this dream we rededicate ourselves.

Martin Luther King, Jr. preached non-violence and an end to war. When he received the Nobel Peace Prize he said:

I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction...

Sooner or later, all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace...

[We] must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.

The foundation of such a method is love.³

To this dream we rededicate ourselves.

Martin Luther King, Jr. stood against violence in any form. He believed passionately in the strength of love. And this is what he said:

I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today – my own government...

The war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit, and if we ignore this sobering reality, we will find ourselves organizing...for the next generation.

They will be concerned about Guatemala and Peru.

They will be concerned about Thailand and Cambodia.

They will be concerned about Mozambique and South Africa.

We will be marching for these and a dozen other names; and attending rallies without end unless there is a significant and profound change in American life and policy.⁴

To this dream we rededicate ourselves.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed while working for garbage workers in Memphis. And this is what he said:

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.⁵

"Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter – and beautiful – struggle for a new world."⁶ AMEN!

All citations above have been taken from *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, James Melvin Washington, Ed. (New York: Harper & Row, 1986).

¹from "A Time to Break Silence," p. 240

²from "The American Dream," p. 218

³from "Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech," p. 240

⁴from "A Time to Break Silence," p. 233, 240

⁵from "A Time to Break Silence," p. 241

⁶from "A Time to Break Silence," p. 243