

Sunday, January 14, 2024 The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Remembrance

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All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace Is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. Members—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. In addition, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

Fellowship time is offered after worship, we hope you will join us.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Take My Life and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal and Henri A. C. Malan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN ACS #1024

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand



Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ACS #1089





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Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of faithfulness, you bless those who are persecuted. Strengthen those who have suffered or are suffering for the sake of conscience. When they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair. Give us grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened; for the sake of our merciful and righteous judge, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Humanity will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

ACS #1062

Build a Longer Table



Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten, ACS #1058)

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth.

Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable servants, that all our resources and outreach bring hope and healing.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God.

Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed.

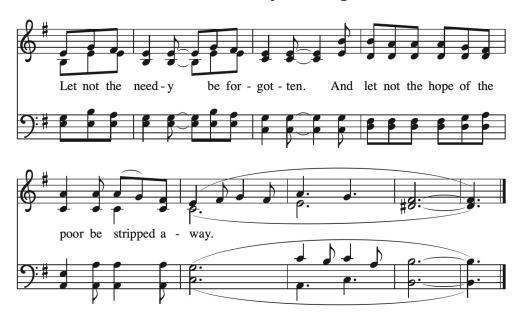
Restore those recovering from natural disaster.

Protect our forests and waterways

and all the creatures that live in them.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten



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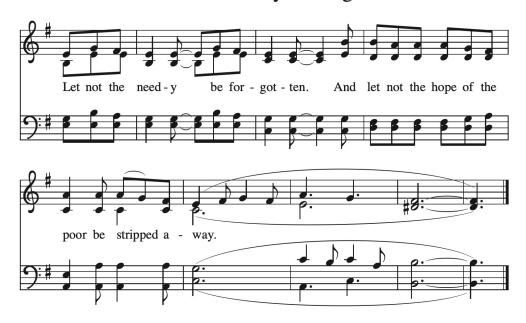
Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King saw and spoke, give us visions of justice and unity. Lead our leaders, and us, to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society.

Hold in your care any
who suffer and struggle, God.
You who know our inner hearts,
be present with any who are oppressed,
victims of racism or cultural bias,
and all who long for respite or restoration.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

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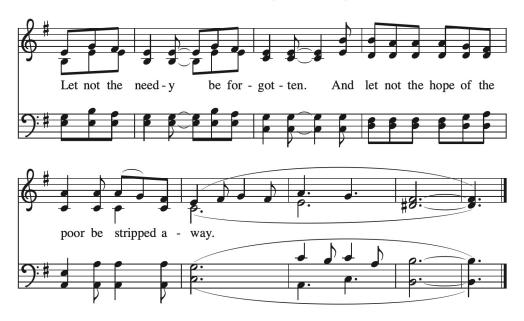
Give this congregation a sense of anticipation and excitement, inspiring and empowering us to do your work in the world, God.

Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care.

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden us.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten



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Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food,
and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life
by your power
for the benefit of all
and to your glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

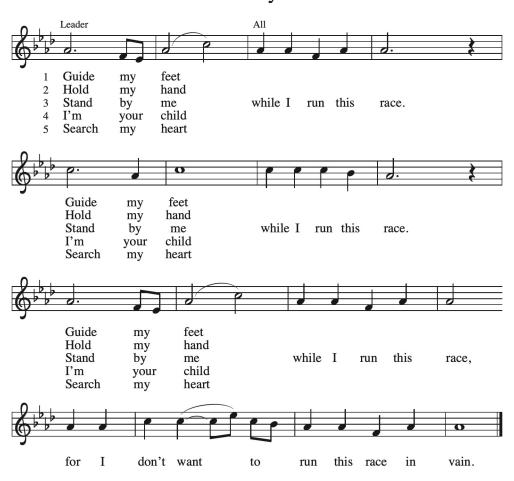
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Guide My Feet



Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE The Stand Joel Houston

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Gary and Deb Wold

Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Lois Losby

TODAY! MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:15am—Sanctuary

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God! A short video will be shown with a small snack and followed by an activity and/or discussion.

NEXT SUNDAY! MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE!

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

The fun begins after worship, with New Orleans style food and music. This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent. Proceeds go to those attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Join us for this fun fellowship event!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Come hear leadership reports, discuss the ministry of Our Savior's, and vote funding the 2024 budget and the ballot of individuals to serve on the church council for 2024.

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 26, 5 – 7pm – Fellowship Hall

Join us for a family movie night (all ages and stages welcome) that is fun for everyone! Dinner and snacks will be provided. For more information, please call/text Jessica at 608.738.1016.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14, 2023

9:30am Worship/HC 10:15am Prayer Club 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday

9am-1pmOffice Open1—5pmWCC open

4pm CFS—Doors Open **4:30-5:30pm** Meal Served

Wednesday

9am-1pmOffice Open12 noonWorship/HC1pmArt & Faith6pmCouncil mtg.

<u>Thursday</u>

9am-1pm Office Open

<u>Friday</u>

Office Closed
Pastor's Sabbath

<u>Saturday</u>

9 am—lpm WCC open

Sunday, January 21, 2023

9:30am Worship/HC 10:15am Mardi Gras 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion CF—Coffee Fellowship CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Alison Geier, Ardelle Ender, Athena Burg, Barb
Dolato, Barry N., Bev Hanson, Carol Kant,, Connie
Garson, Casey Kanter, Cheryl Zoerb, Chuck Miller,
Cindy Moe, Dale Duresky, Dan Odenbach, Danielle
Sorenson, Eric Mihalovic, Erik Rudrud, Eugene
Herold, Gabe Centanni, Jane Speer, Jean Koll,
Jeannie White, Jennifer Beck-Hicks Jessie, John A.,
Joyce Gosman, Juliana A., Karen Geoglein, Kilian
Crary, Lane C., Lloyd Clark, Lois Horne, Louis
Herlitzke, Margaret Namejunas, Mary Covey, Patti
Hanson, Rachel Muehlenkamp, Rich Pitz, Robert
Onsrud, Rose Sabotta, Roxanne North, Rudy
Nedvidek, Sally Vaaler, Sonja Simonson-Schrag, and
Tom Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Byron Blackmore and Joanne Allemand

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon and **Stacie** Phillips

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Britney OliverJanuary 7Mariah WoldJanuary 7Carol PooleJanuary 8Patti HansonJanuary 11