

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem

A Time for the Child In Us All

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "When In Our Music God is Glorified" **Chalice 7**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Searching For The Beloved Community"

Anthem

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

Hymn of Praise:

"The Doxology"

* Dedication of Our Gifts, Talents and Funds (In Unison)

O God, we commit to use all our gifts --wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream. Amen

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn**

"We Shall Overcome "

#630 Chalice

hymnal

***Benediction**

***Response**

Organ Postlude:

***Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 14, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

If you can't fly, then run,
if you can't run, then walk,
if you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to keep moving forward.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Calling Each Other To Worship

Leader: In every era, God has chosen men and women to serve the needs of his people. Such a servant was Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birth we celebrate. We are deeply thankful for the life of this twentieth century prophet

People: **May the wisdom and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. rekindle our faith.**

Leader: May the deep love that Dr. King had for all people be released in us, that we too might work miracles in the lives of those who continue to hate.

People: **Dr. King taught that only love can overcome hatred, bitterness and fear.**

Leader: May his struggle for social transformation continue in this generation. May all people come to believe that with perseverance, "We Shall Overcome."

People: **"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." (Am. 5:24)**

Leader: May the work of Dr. King continue to eradicate racial justice and its ungodly consequences.

People: **Dr. King pursued his dream of racial equality by appealing to the conscience of his enemies.**

Leader: May we continue to cultivate the nonviolent discipline of Dr. King, abandoning unrestrained acts of force.

People: **He taught us that a heart full of grace and love is just as important as an education.**

Leader: May the spirit of Dr. King continue to flow through our daily living.

People: **He believed in self-respect and dignity, even though he knew that there would be difficult days ahead.**

Leader: May we have the courage of Dr. King as we continue to stand up for justice, reconciliation and truth, despite challenge and controversy.

People: **Dr. King said that war is never a victory, regardless of the outcome.**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ cause the fury of war to vanish from the face of the earth.

All: **Dr. King went to the mountain top; he saw the Promised Land; and he reassured us that we will get there one day. God of Glory, be with us on the journey.**

Opening Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" #631 Chalice hymnal

The Dedication of Our New Hymnals

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, let us make a joyful noise, With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

All: **For the Lord is good, eternally steadfast in love, and faithful to all generations.**

Pastor: In order that we may experience that love more fully and celebrate God's faithfulness more richly, it is our rare privilege – this morning – to dedicate new hymnals for the use of God's people in the joyful work of worship. Please lift up a hymnal, and join me in prayer:

All: **Most gracious God, as surely as we lift up our hearts in worship to you, so surely we lift up these hymnals to your glory.**

We thank you for all who made them possible and for the resources that enabled us to enjoy them; we pray for your continued blessings on all who use them, and ask that – in your generous providence – they may enable us to worship in unity and harmony today and in the years to come.

**Let us worship the Lord with gladness. Let us enter God's presence with singing, for we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen**

Calling God into Our Hearts, Mind, Spirit (In Unison as in One Voice)

O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. *We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.* You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now: Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Amen