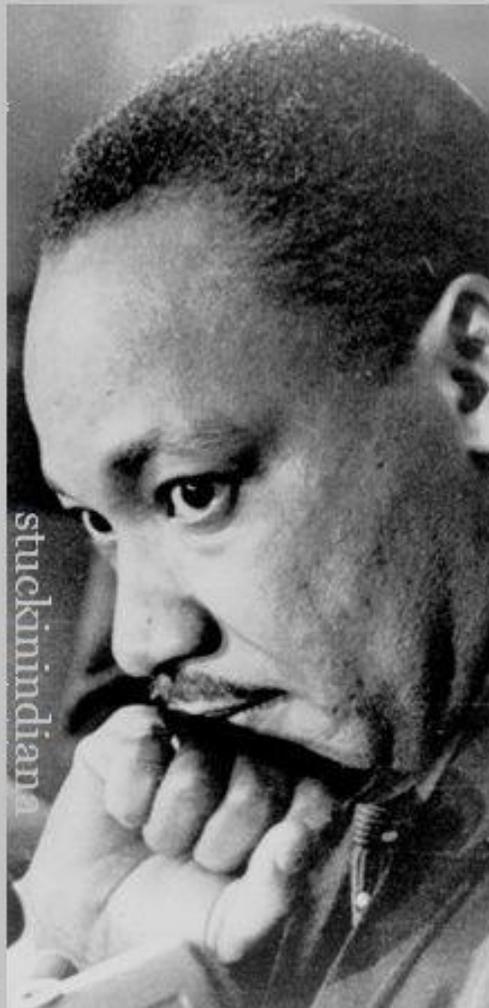


**Let us live
together in
peace and
love in a
Beloved
Community.**

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



**A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

January 17, 2019

Worship --- 7:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Dr. King died at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968, a few months short of his fortieth birthday. Human history has forever been changed by the movement he headed. Our current level of sensitivity to human rights issues and inclusiveness can be traced to the strides gained by the Civil Rights Movements of the 1950s and 1960s. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a rare human being who sacrificed his life for a vision of equality for every person—not just African Americans. On November 2, 1983, both the Senate and the House of Representatives agreed that we should never forget Dr. King's contributions to the world: the third Monday in January was declared a national holiday.

WELCOME Pastor Emil Klatt, Christ Lutheran Church
Galen Miller, President of the Hilton Head Island MLK Committee

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Louis Johnson
Central Oak Grove Baptist Church

- P God creates people from every race, tribe, tongue and ethnic community. God calls us to live in community marked by love, peace, justice, respect, and mutual support.
- C Yet we draw lines between peoples. We raise barriers. We treat one another with prejudice.**
- P In every generation, God raises up prophets, speaking forth God's desire for all people to live together in love.
- C Today we come together to give thanks to God for Martin Luther King, Jr. Today we live into the dream of all people living together in beloved community.**

OPENING SONG *We Are All One in Mission* / Edwards



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

P Empower us with gifts and desire, gracious God, to minister with your people.

C Bless and guide us, O Lord.

P Lord, we often boast that we are "one people under God," yet we are divided by strife and factions, the sin of disunity spreading among us like a disease. We are unable to measure up to our standards, much less to yours.

C Forgive us, Lord.

P Cleanse us and make us whole. Renew our minds and motives so that we might be your people, acceptable in your sight.

C We seek your guidance, Lord.

P The tensions and differences of race, traditions, culture, creed, and language consume us. Come among us, O God, and free us to live creatively, worship openly, and love unconditionally.

C Forgive our arrogance, Lord.

P Help us to remember that to bear the good news to others means to first live the good news among ourselves.

C We seek boldness, Lord.

P Remind us that we are dependent on one another. Show us we are to be concerned for all people. Teach us to love one another.

C Teach us the joy of sharing, Lord.

P We ask for power, guidance, and direction as your people on a Holy mission. As the community of faith, may we be faithful to the call to spread godly love, care, and concern to all people.

C Give us a loving heart and willing spirit, Lord. AMEN.

HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead / Dorsey

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY *(said in unison)*

God of Righteousness, grant us your life-giving presence.
Guide us in our time of worship,
and remain with us as we step out into the world,
that we may face injustice with courage and love.
May we come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself,
a society that can live with its conscience.
The timing may feel off; the end of the road might be out of sight,
yet we trust in your holy presence.
How long? Not long, because no lie can live forever.
How long? Not long, because you still reap what you sow.
How long? Not long. Because the arm of the moral universe is long, but it
bends toward justice.
How long? Not long, because you are our God,
and all may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. **AMEN.**

-- adapted from "Our God is Marching On!" (speech delivered at the Alabama State House by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, March 25, 1965).

(please be seated)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ANTHEM

Come Follow Me / Kupferschmid
Christ Lutheran Church Choir

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Emil Klatt
Christ Lutheran Church

Pastor Edward Alston
Queen Chapel AME Church

PRAYERS

P Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves us and listens to us...

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P We give you thanks, Holy God, for the saints who have borne witness to your Word throughout the ages. We give special thanks for your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., who responded to your voice to serve and gave his life for the cause of love and justice in our land. May we too respond with the depth of commitment that will enable us to give of ourselves in full measure, even to the point of death. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, we pray, that we too might feel the call to serve your people. May we not tire of doing good in the face of wrong and evil. May we continue to work for a nation marked by justice, love, and fellowship as only you can create. Inspire our hearts, strengthen our wills, build up our resolve that we too might become worthy of the heritage that has been given to us in the witness of Martin Luther King, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C AMEN.

THE PEACE *(We may greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another

THE RETURNING OF GIFTS *(please be seated)* Alex Brown, MLK Committee Treasurer
*Today's offering will be used to support
future MLK celebrations events in our beloved community.*

THE RETURNING RESPONSE *(please stand as you are able)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heav'n-ly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

THE RETURNING of GIFTS PRAYER *(said in unison)*

God of abundance, we return to you from the gifts which you have first entrusted to us, and with them our very lives. Through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. AMEN.

CLOSING SONG

We Shall Overcome / Joan Baez



We shall o- ver come. We shall o- ver come. We shall o- ver come some day.



Oh, deep in my heart I do be- lieve, that We shall o- ver come some day.

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

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
That we shall overcome someday

We shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace
We shall live in peace someday
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe
That we shall overcome someday

We shall brothers be,
we shall brothers be
We shall brothers be someday
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe
That we shall overcome someday

The truth shall make us free,
truth shall make us free
The truth shall make us free someday
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe
That we shall overcome someday

We are not afraid, we are not afraid
We are not afraid today
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe
That we shall overcome someday

THE BENEDICTION

P As the Savior so taught...go now and overcome.
Overcome racial hatred with love and understanding.
Overcome sexism with mutual honor and respect.
Overcome social inequities with fair and equal educational and employment opportunities.
Overcome mean-heartedness with a kind word or good deed.
Overcome war, poverty, hunger, and suffering throughout our urban streets and lands abroad, by sharing the love of Christ Jesus with your neighbor.
Go now and overcome

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