



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit

January 16, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service



For everyone's safety, please wear a mask for today's service.

Prelude

“A Hymn of Peace”

- arr. Landon

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer – *Unison*

Creator of beloved community,

Thank you for gathering us together on this day of Justice observance.

Open the fullness of our being to the instructions of your prophets.

Open our spirits to the cries of the oppressed calling for freedom.

Open our eyes to the needs of your people.

Open our hearts to one another in Christian love. Amen.

Anthem

“A Song Is Surely Rising”

- Martin

***Litany of Justice**

Reader 1: By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion...For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth – saying ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion’” (Psalm 137:1, 3)

Reader 2: “I have stood in a meeting with hundreds of youngsters and joined in while they sang, ‘Aint Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around.’ It is not just a song; it is a resolve...These songs bind us together, give us courage together, help us march together.” (MLK *Why We Can't Wait*)

All: For the power of song and the song of power, we give you thanks, O God.

Reader 1: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.” (Matt. 5:43-44)

Reader 2: “Let us therefore not think of our movement as one that seeks to integrate into all the existing values of American society. Let us be those creative dissenters who will call our beloved country to a higher destiny, to a new plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness.” (MLK *Where Do We Go From Here*)

ALL: For your realm, which stands beyond and against all nations. And your justice which judges all people, we give you thanks, O God.

Reader 1: “Cain said to his brother Abel, ‘Let us go out to the field.’ And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then God said to Cain, ‘Where is your brother Abel?’ He said, ‘I do not know, I am not my brother’s keeper!’ And God said, ‘What have you done? Listen. Your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground.’” (Gen. 4:8-10)

Reader 2: “The person who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as the one who helps perpetrate it. The person who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.” (MLK *Stride Towards Freedom, adapted*)

ALL: For the continuing witness of the life and ministry of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose blood cries for justice from the ground to you and to us, we give thanks, O God.

***Hymn #586** “Let My People Seek Their Freedom ’ verses 1, 2 and 4

Call to Reconciliation - Unison

Jesus of the Oppressed, you made us to be neighbors; members of one family blessed with great diversity. You designed us to be helpers and friends to one another – entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to so many,

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helping create and sustain worlds of poverty, pain, and lost opportunities. We break each other's hearts, bodies, and spirits. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for transformation. Lead us in the ways of restored relationships with our brothers and sisters, where privilege and power give way to beloved community in one another. Amen.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Centering Prayer/Time of Silence

Please observe silence for prayer and meditation.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-2 CEB trans.

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still until her righteousness shines out like a light, and her salvation blazes like a torch. Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which the Lord's own mouth will determine.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-20 CEB trans.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him.

Message

Pastor Amanda Lunemann

***Hymn #533**

“We Shall Overcome” verses 1, 3 and 5

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - Unison

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.

Offertory

Thine is the Way”

-Frick

***Doxology** - Hymn #94 *Projected*

***Offertory Prayer** - *Unison*

From You, O God, You’ve offered Yourself generously. From Us, O Christ, back to You we offer ourselves. From the Spirit, may these offerings serve Your purpose of generosity beyond us. Amen.

***Hymn #519** “Lift Every Voice And Sing” verses 1 and 3

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Song of Peace** - *Projected*

Postlude

“Counter—Theme on the Doxology”

- arr. Wilson

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace UMC

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us **TODAY:** Greeter: Cara Kennedy; Usher: Chuck Loveless; Sound: Ed Sanders; Liturgist: Bill Macklin; Acolyte: Max Halsted

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us on Sunday, **January 23rd, 2022** ~ 10:00 a.m. service: Greeter: Rhonda Brown; Usher: Sean Litterer; Sound: Tom Litterer; Liturgist: Laurie Sanders; Acolyte: Timmerman Brothers

**Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day**

**Jan.
17th**



End of the Year Statements...

can be found in your mail boxes on Sunday, January 23, 2022. To help us defray the cost of mailing them, please walk down and grab them. Those not picked up by the 30th will be mailed in the beginning of February. Thank you.

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