



January 17, 2021

Week of the Laity and MLK Sunday

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Prelude	Chris Greninger
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll
Centering Song	"Lifting Up My Voice" <i>All the Best Songs</i> Vol.1 #180
Jesus, I bow my heart before You, in worship, lifting up my voice— Lifting up my voice—in honor, lifting up my voice—in praise, Lifting up my voice—in worship to you. (repeat)	
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Litany in Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.*	Rev. Kathryn Wilson & Rev. Carroll
Scripture Reading:	John 1:43-51 (NRSV) Rev. Wilson
Sermon	"Greater Things" Rev. Carroll
Special Music:	"You Have Called Me" <i>Chalice Hymnal</i> #455 Shari Cullumber
You have called me from my hiding place and given me a name; from this moment on my life can never be the same. I have seen the beckoning vision, though I wanted to remain, here I am, send me, here I am. <i>Refrain:</i> <i>"Who will go into the darkness where my people live in fear? Who will speak of truth and charity so all of them can hear? If you go where I am sending you, I always will be near. Here I am, go for me, here I am."</i>	
You have called me from my wilderness and given me a way. The many paths I've traveled have but brought me to this day. And the journey that is calling me no longer will delay. Here I am, send me, here I am. (<i>Refrain</i>)	
You have called me from my silence and have given me a word. I was dying in my coldness till a fire within me stirred. Now I can keep still no longer, I must speak what I have heard. Here I am, send me, here I am. (<i>Refrain</i>)	
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Communion Meditation and Prayer	Jim Cullumber
Words of Institution	Rev. Carroll
Offering Meditation and Prayer	Jim Cullumber
Mission Challenge	Rev. Wilson
Announcements	Rev. Carroll
Benediction	"Disturb us, O Lord" Rev. Carroll
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Postlude	"Lift Every Voice" Chris Greninger
Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, © 1921 Edward B. Marks Music Co. CCLI License #1705573 arr: Chris Greninger	



We worship today in spirit with our Global Mission Partner,
Ricardo Mayol, serving in Guatemala. For more information visit
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***Litany in Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

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. Amen.