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“Tough Minds, Tender Hearts”
Thien Bui

Martin Luther King Sunday

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Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has



har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your



rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -



ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our



on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Precious Lord, Take My Hand Rebecca Flintoft, vocal, Kajsa Teitelbaum, piano	T. Dorsey
WELCOME		Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman
CALL TO WORSHIP	Change Sings Poetry by Amanda Gorman Illustrations by Loren Long	Rev. Deborah Voss
HYMN	Lift Every Voice and Sing (see previous page)	
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 3:14-21	
MEDITATION	Rooted in Love, Growing Together	
A VISUAL POEM	Archival footage from the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom curated by the SALT Project.	
READINGS	Excerpts from the Speeches of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Readers: Matt Hess, Calvin Hardy, Jessica Austin Nora Hess, Noah Mollerstuen, Siena Mollerstuen	

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. I have a dream that one day the sons and daughters of former slaves and the sons and daughters of former slave owners will be able to sit down together. I have a dream that [all] children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be."

"We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience."

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."

"When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil. There is a power able to make a way out of no way and to transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows."

"Let us refuse to accept the view that humanity is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and kindred spirits can never become a reality."

"Let us believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

"Let us realize that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!

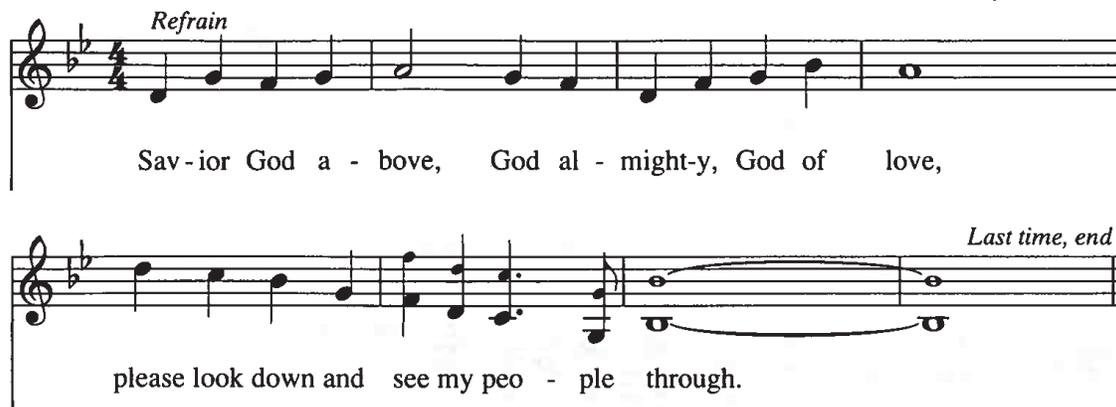
But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" . . . This is our hope. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

CALL TO PRAYER

Savior, God Above

Duke Ellington



Refrain

Sav-ior God a - bove, God al - might-y, God of love,

Last time, end

please look down and see my peo - ple through.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deborah Voss

A VISUAL PRAYER

A Prayer for the Church
from The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Work of the People

ANTHEM

Roll Down Justice
Singers: Kirk Nordstrom, Joanne O'Keefe, David Skaggs,
Kajsa Teitelbaum, Chris Shearer Cooper,
Jane Thomas, Jeanine Reeves, Julieta Garcia

M. Miller

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace.
Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Libby Black

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Chuck and Debbie Brown

HYMN

Come! Live in the Light!

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice

M. Miller

Music Notes:

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson's poem Lift Every Voice and Sing, set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson, was sung for the first time by 500 school children in celebration of President Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900, It was soon adopted by the NAACP as its official song. Today "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as the Black National Anthem.

YOUR GIVING

Online or in-person, you can count on the nurturing ministry of FCC Boulder Church. Each one of us plays an important part, including your financial support. Thank you! Contribute **BY CHECK** to the church and mail to: First Congregational Church Boulder, 1128 Pine St. Boulder, CO 80302. Contribute by **TEXT-TO-GIVE** by texting: 73256 with the message joy2givefcc. Contribute **ELECTRONICALLY**: Sign in to your account in Realm, the church's database, where you may make an ACH payment from your bank account or contribute by credit card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Opening of the Withers Collection Gallery Dairy Arts Center, 2590 Walnut St, Boulder - 1:30 pm

NAACP Boulder County invites you to an opening reception for the Withers Collection Gallery, an exhibition of over 100 historical photographs of the Civil Rights Movement featuring the work of Ernest Withers, one of the foremost Black photographers documenting the lives of African Americans across the South in the 1950's and '60's. A keynote address by Rosalind Withers, daughter of Ernest Withers, begins at 1:30 pm with a reception following. Go here to register for both Sunday's and Monday's event. Register (<https://thedairy.org/mlk2022/>) The photo exhibit will be open to the public through February 27.

Rodney K. Strong Address | January 17, 10:00 am

The NAACP Boulder County, Martin Luther King Day Celebration continues with Keynote Speaker Attorney Rodney K. Strong, one of the foremost national experts in disparity research and diversity program development. At Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road, Longmont. Learn more here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dYL3Hg7blw>

A Conversation with the Founder - 1619 Project | Friday, January 21, 11 am - 12:30 pm - Zoom

Join the wider community for "A Conversation About The Importance of Truth, History, and the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." with Professor Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the 1619 Project and the Knight Chair of Race and Journalism at Howard University, founder of the Center for Journalism & Democracy, and a staff writer at The New York Times Magazine. This virtual event is hosted by the CU Center of Inclusion and Social Change in collaboration with Colorado State University Pueblo and Metropolitan State University of Denver. Register here https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v_mQ2YQvSWIWAFvFY-dGMQ

Rooted in Love, Growing Together

Today we will kick off our annual month long stewardship effort. We invite the congregation to spend time considering their own financial gifts and how they wish to share those gifts with the church to carry on our work of the Spirit. We hope that you will enjoy the gift that will arrive at your doorstep sometime in the next week as well as the thoughtful words of our witnessing stewards each week. When you are ready to make your pledge for 2022, you can do that here (<https://onrealm.org/firstcong/-/form/give/now>) . Stay tuned - more to come!

January Food Drive | Donations collected through Friday Jan 21

First Cong's periodic Food Drive starts today! Your donations of food and household supplies will go to EFAA's Food Bank to help our neighbors; in difficult times your kindness to others makes a real difference! See EFAA's current "shopping list" of items here. Please contact your local neighborhood coordinator and give what you can. (see the weekly email here for contact info... https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Martin-Luther-King-Sunday--Worship-Online.html?soid=1103455413394&aid=_Ei9RcoLYuc)

Seeking Members for Church Committee Work | Contact by Sunday morning, January 23

Looking for a way to be more engaged in the church's life and to offer your gifts in service? Church leadership will be meeting soon to get organized to invite folks to join our Boards, Committees, and Ministries for the new year. To see a list of the opportunities, see the weekly email here (https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Martin-Luther-King-Sunday---Worship-Online.html?soid=1103455413394&aid=_Ei9RcoLYuc).

Want to learn more, contact Charley Rastle cmrastle@comcast.net