



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service of Word and Table

Second Sunday After Epiphany

8:00 a.m. - January 14, 2018

REMEMBERING

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Prelude

Eddy Wiles

Every January, our nation honors the memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Martin Luther King Day, we have an opportunity to celebrate the strides our country has made in the ongoing struggle for civil rights and a chance to pause and reflect on all of those who sacrificed their lives for the sacred cause of equality. But this day also provides us with another opportunity: to renew our commitment to Dr. King's audacious vision of a world in which all of God's children, blacks and whites, 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."

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

God gives thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,

God strives with us.

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(*Congregation, please stand as able)

As we work to build the beloved community,

God works with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,

God blesses us.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

*Opening Hymn

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH #717

Julia Ward Howe, famous for her work to free the slaves, wrote this hymn at the beginning of the Civil War

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Litany

The Lord knows you and loves you. Let God’s light shine in the darkness so that others may see the good works and glorify God.

(Sung) **This little light of mine.....I’m gonna let it shine.**

Jesus has seen you, waiting for the call to ministry and mission. He calls you now to open your hearts to those around you; to people in need, to those who sorrow, to those who just need someone to talk with.

(Sung) **This little light of mine.....I’m gonna let it shine.**

Just as God called the boy Samuel, God is reaching out to you to be a witness to God’s awesome love and power.

(Sung) **This little light of mine.....I’m gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

You won’t hide it under a dark cover, will you?

No, I’m gonna let it shine!

You won’t extinguish it because you’re afraid and feel unworthy, will you?

No, I’m gonna let it shine!

Will you let God’s light shine through your life?

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine!

Will you brave the deepest darkness with God’s light in your life?

All through the darkness, I’m gonna let it shine.

Then, beloved of God, let that light shine on you, in you and through you always.

Praise be to God. AMEN.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation “The Summons” TFWS #2130

Gospel Lesson John 1:43-51

Sermon Called to Follow Rev Deb Scott

Offering

Offertory

*Response “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*Offering Prayer:

Merciful God, you provide us with so many opportunities to follow Jesus' teaching and to live as modern-day disciples. We sometimes respond to your call with excuses or unfounded worries. We confuse our spiritual longing with the need for worldly objects. Yet these things provide only a false sense of security. As we offer these financial resources, transform us so that we are stirred to hear your call on our lives. We pray in the name of the Redeeming One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Sacrament of the Last Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion - The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Closing Hymn “Here I Am Lord” UMH #593

*Benediction

Sisters and brothers, go forth from this worship service in the name of Jesus. Go boldly to the places where you live, work, play, and fellowship and light candles of hope. Let your lights shine brightly on a daily basis, and be beacons of hope, joy, and peace. Pray daily for our civic and religious leaders. Always travel with Jesus, who is neither a Democrat nor a Republican, and strive to be good citizens in sisterhood and brotherhood with your neighbors in the global village. Be an oasis of God's love and a conduit of goodwill, and remember that God is with you. Amen.

*Sung Response "We Shall Overcome"

UMH #533 vs. 1

Postlude

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SUNDAY MORNINGS:

8:00 a.m.

9:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Service of Word and Table

Contemporary Praise Service

Traditional Worship

