

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

The Spirit of Christ filled Martin Luther King, Jr with courage and conviction and a passion for peace.

God gave Dr. King a dream and a faith-driven quest for a nation that keeps faith with its promises.

Go now in partnership with God's Spirit, to further that dream of racial equality in our nation, to bridge the divisions between us, overcome the injustices that oppress us, and restore community among us.

*Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

Postlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.

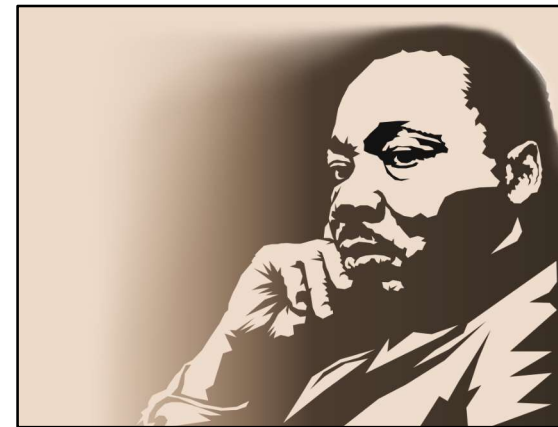
In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Maurine Huang, William Yee
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Maurine Huang



The Celebration of Worship

January 15, 2023 • MLK Sunday



*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pastor:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Japanese Reader:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Steve Hanway
Nancy Arata-Fong
Miko Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

How good it is to worship you, God! For you gather us into a community where we discover the grace that breaks down barriers. You call us to glorify Jesus by dismantling conflict and division with his acceptance of all people. We will live to reflect Christ's glory, empowered by His Spirit, and confident of His presence with us in every moment. Amen.

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

*Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Steve Hanway

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice, we live sustained by God's presence and love; the One who creates us and loves us;

People: God made us to be family and gifts us with diversity.

Leader: God gives us Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

People: God inspires us to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: God invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all. God's presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

All: We bless You, holy God, and give You all glory, honor, and praise!

*Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (#138)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

(#343)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Problem We All Live With”

Mark 10:13-16 from The Message Bible translation
The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: “Don’t push these children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God’s kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you’ll never get in.” Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

Musical Offering Nancy Arata-Fong

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, God’s Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

Doxology

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Steve Hanway

Joys & Concerns Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invitation to Confession Steve Hanway

Leader: Before God, we can admit our failed attempts at creating a just world for all, even with the best of intentions. We are aware of our limitations but continue to dream of what is possible because of our faith in God’s power. Let’s ask for God’s help to make this old world a new world.

Prayer of Confession Steve Hanway

Leader: O God, help us today to be hopeful and helpful rather than irritable and critical, help us to avoid hateful words and destructive behavior.

People: Give us the courage to challenge racism whenever we encounter it; at home, school, work, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to each other, especially those who disagree with us, and to consider others' life stories rather than insist on having our own way.

All: Help us not waste time fretting about the bad in the world but to use the time we have working together for a better world.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Steve Hanway

Leader: We have received God's grace and dedicate our lives to changing the world so all are welcomed and valued.

People: We embrace God's vision of justice and freedom and will work and pray so God's beloved community becomes reality.

All: Thanks be to God! We believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Steve Hanway

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Childrens' Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Choir Song

"Come! Live in the Light!"

David Haas

Hymn of Reflection: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

(#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Unison Prayer of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Reading: John 13:34

Miko Kumagai

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

1st Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:11-14

Steve Hanway

Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ. So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.