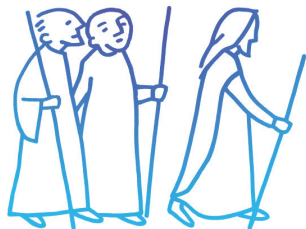




COMMEMORATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RENEWER OF SOCIETY & MARTYR 1968

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us via Zoom and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion together via zoom -- a temporary practice during this time of forced social distancing. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready, if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup – Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the bread of Life.

GATHERING

Call to Worship (based on sermons of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us.

I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war, that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.

I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression.

I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love . . . and “God is love”!

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I believe that right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.

I believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

I believe that what self-centered people have torn down,

Other-centered people can build up. By the Spirit of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed! Deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome!

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Contemporary Song

Woke Up This Morning, Woke Up This Morning

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom
I said I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom
Well I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom
Hallelu, hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, hallelujah

There ain't no harm in keep'n' my mind stayed on freedom **3X**
Hallelu, hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, hallelujah

I'm walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom **3X**
Hallelu, hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, hallelujah

WORD

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, in every age you have sent men and women who have given their lives in witness to your love and truth. Inspire us with the words and deeds of Martin Luther King, Jr, whose faithfulness to the Gospel led to the way of the cross, and give us passion to know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you; Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Lord, you have searched me out;

 O Lord, you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;

 you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places

 and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,

 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before,

 and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;

 you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;

 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,

 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;

 my days were fashioned before they came to be.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

 How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Glory to God In the Highest

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Reading

John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord!

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!



Children's Time

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Sharing the Peace

The Holy Spirit, deep in our hearts, reminds us of the promise of Christ Jesus: "I have said these things to you, so that you may have peace. In the world you face troubles and persecution. But take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering and Affirmation of Giving (based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19)

Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it.

We who call Jesus Lord devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs.

We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.

We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come.

Please donate to Bethel using Give Plus to donate by text: (855) 944-1171. You may use one of our other options online <http://bethelpdx.org/donate/>

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

The pastor will guide you when to take the bread & cup and eat & drink

God be with you . . . deep in your heart!

And also with you . . . deep in your heart!

Deep in our hearts, we do believe,

We shall overcome . . . because God overcomes!

And so in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music



SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday
Deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome someday

We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand today
Deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome someday

We Shall Overcome

Blessing

The over-coming God,
The God who finds a way where there is no way,
The God who takes up the cross . . . and rises again,
Bless (+) you and keep you in grace and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Go in the peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
For all those affected by wildfires	Prayers of strength and counsel for the thousands of people affected by the wildfires.	Staff
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
Faith St. John	Healing & support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Staff
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David & Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Bethel's guests and volunteers	Peace and safety for Bethel's guests and volunteers who we cannot be with at this time, especially for Rich Blackwood and Leo.	Joann Noll
Carol and John Knight	Prayers for Carol & John Knight as he's isolated in memory care unit during the pandemic.	Karen Anderson
Pastor Christine and John Core	Prayers for the Cores after they lost their McKenzie River to a wildfire.	Joann Noll
The Griffin Family	Prayer for Harry as he continues physical therapy & chemo, but is in good spirits.	Staff
Jim Van Dyke	Prayers for Jim after his surgery while he waits to find out whether further treatment is needed.	Karen Anderson
Kenya, Joann's neighbor	Prayers of healing after her lung transplant.	Joann Noll
Rob, Joann's brother	Prayers of strength as Rob is experiencing severe back pain, complicated by his Parkinson's.	Joann Noll
Riva, friend of Joann	Prayers for Riva, who lives in her car in Seattle supervises homes for people with disabilities. Some of her clients and staff have Covid.	Joann Noll
June and Wayne Hassebroek	Prayers for June after her emergency trip to the ER while they await further information.	Karen Anderson
Doris Bishop	Prayers of healing while she recovers from a broken leg.	Karen Anderson
Joy Gates	Summer's mother who has tested positive in a Texas nursing home with a large outbreak.	Summer Kaplan
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		

Stewardship of Service	This Week - Jan 17 Virtual	Next Week - Jan 24 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth
Zoom Host	Jamie Vandenburg	Summer Kaplan

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I have
a dream