



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Martin & Jesus**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

For Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Prayer List, [visit this week's E-Pistle here](#), where you can also subscribe to receive it by email, if you like.

**\*- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

**Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
**Peter Black**

(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour**

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

**Introit** (please stand)

**Arise, Shine**

*Arise, shine for your light has come!*

*And the glory of our God has risen upon you like the sun!*

*Lift your eyes, look around, rejoice! Lift your eyes, look around, rejoice!*

## **Call to Worship**

**Reader: Sue Scott**

One: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's work reminds us: Church and state must work together for the common good; laws must establish justice for all, but hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish.

**Many: We will do the work of justice for all; we will open our hearts to an ever-expanding vision of community. We will trust the Spirit of God to guide and move us between the present and the anticipated Realm of Justice.**

One: Dr. King's vision inspires us: "We are tied together in a single garment of destiny caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."

**Many: We will work for a world where lives are enriched by difference; where people of different genders, races and sexual orientations work together in Shalom for the good of the whole. We will work for a nation where persons will be judged solely upon the content of their characters.**

One: Dr. King's words challenge us: "...injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

**Many: We will listen to the cries of the poor; we will stand in solidarity with those who suffer oppression; we will take as our own the hopes of all who long for full human life; we will create in our midst the Beloved Community with room for all, justice for all, joy for all, Shalom for all. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn,**            *The Summons*  
(Green Gather Hymnal No. 700)  
(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

**O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. Let us know your presence among us now: Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal, and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace and Peace**

One: Peace be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

## **Passing the Peace**

*Draw the Circle Wide*

*Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side.*

*Draw the circle wide.*

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

**by Rev. Vicki Kemper, pastor of First Congregational UCC of Amherst, Massachusetts**

The year was 1961, and the Civil Rights movement had reached a crossroads. Boycotts, sit-ins, and arrests had generated some support for desegregation and equal voting rights, but the time had come to take the struggle beyond the South, to build alliances and raise money. And so it was that the movement's 32-year-old leader attended a simple church supper in a small New England college town. That's right: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke in my church's basement! What's almost as amazing is that the occasion was nearly lost to our congregation's history. Some church members recalled that Dr. King had come, but no one could remember exactly when, or what he said, or how he was received. Finally one member consulted the decades' worth of datebooks stored in her garage, and there it was: "Monday, April 17, 1961, MLK, First Church dining room." Now we have a plaque to mark the spot and help us remember the moment. We want everyone who passes through that workaday space—especially the folks who come for a soup-kitchen meal three times a week and the college students who sleep there a few nights each August—to know they are on holy ground and that they, too, can go forth to change the world. Sometimes, when the injustices of the world are weighing heavy, I sneak downstairs and imagine him there. I wonder what he would think of us now, all these years later, as we struggle still—or don't—to eradicate racism from our laws, our institutions, and our hearts. Tomorrow, we celebrate Dr. King's birthday. He would have been 94 years old. Take some time to honor the man who brought hope, justice, and freedom to so many, a prophet who challenges us still. Listen to one of his speeches. Stream the movie "Selma." Give thanks, and then get to work. Let us pray: In your light, O God, we see light. Thank you for our brother, Martin. May his light ever shine. Amen.

# **All That We Are**

## **The Words of Holy Scripture**

One: A Reading of Scripture from Psalm 40:1-11

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Lesson**

One: The Holy Gospel according to John 1:29-42

**Many: Glory to you, O Christ.**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Many: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

“Martin & Jesus” **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

## **Offering & Offertory**

*Abraham, Martin, and John”/”What the World Needs Now*

**Jeff Spangler and Peter Black**

Composers: Richard Holler; Burt Bacharach & Hal David

## **Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell**

One: Thanks be to God!

**Many: Alleluia!**

One: O God,

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

## **\*Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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***Praise God all creatures here below.***

***Praise God for all that Love has done,***

***Creator, Christ and Spirit One.***

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## **\*Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**Many: It is good to give God thanks & praise**

## **\*Creation's Praise** *Santo, Santo, Santo*

*Santo, Santo, Santo, mi corazon te adora!*

*Mi corazon te sabe decir; santo eres Dios.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you.*

*My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy God.*

*(Please be seated)*

## **Breaking of the Bread** *We Share a Hunger*

*We share a hunger: a hunger for justice in our world,  
that all may find joy, all may find wholeness, all may find peace.*

*We share a hunger: a hunger to feel the light of Christ  
shining through us, shining on all, bringing God's reign.*

## **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Sending**     *I Am For You*  
(Green Gather Hymnal No. 704)  
(Find Music at the end of this program)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**             *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
**Peter Black**

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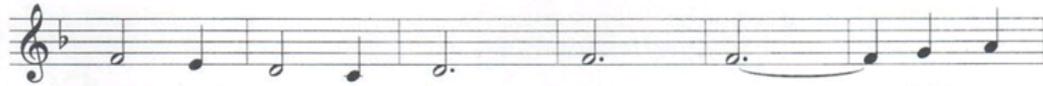
## The Summons 700



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 side And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 you And nev - er be the same. In your



let my love be shown, Will you let my  
 risk the hos - tile stare, Should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as  
 use the faith you've found To re - shape the  
 com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and



name be known, Will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, Through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown In you and you in me?  
 pray'r In you and you in me?  
 mean In you and you in me?  
 sound In you and you in me?  
 grow In you and you in me.

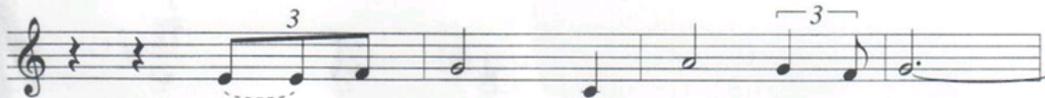
## 704 I Am for You



1. There is a moun - tain                    there is a sea.
2. There was a wom - an                    small as a star,
3. There was a man                    who walked in the storm,
4. We are a - noint - ed,                    ser - vants of God;
5. There is a world                    that waits in the womb;



There is a wind with - in                    all breath - ing,  
 Full of the pa - tient dreams                    of her na - tion,  
 Caught in be - tween the waves                    and the light - ning,  
 We have been born a - gain                    of Spir - it.  
 There is a hope un - born                    God is bear - ing,



There is an arm to break ev - 'ry chain,  
 Wel - com - ing in an an - gel of God,  
 Shar - ing his bread with those cast a - side,  
 We are the word God speaks to the world,  
 Though the powers of death prowl the night,



There is a fire in all things  
 Wel - com - ing in God's bold in - vi -  
 Heal - ing by touch the lost and the  
 Free - dom and light to all who will  
 There is a day our God is pre -



liv - ing.                    There is a voice that speaks from the  
 ta - tion.                    "Let it be done," she sang, "un - to  
 dy - ing.                    Send - ing us forth, he says to his  
 hear it.                    So let us                    the word of the  
 par - ing.                    Sing 'round the                    to wa - ken the

