



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, January 16, 2022

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
Jesus and Martin**

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

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:

Prelude, *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*, 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 *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 UCC.org

Reader: Sue Scott

One: Dr. 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, and Shalom for all. Amen.*

***Opening Hymn,**

I Will Trust in the Lord

Black New Century Hymnal No.416

(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 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** *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.***

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. This weekend, we celebrate Dr. King's birthday. He would have been 92 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.

Extravagant Sign

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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 2:1-11

Many: Glory to you, O Christ.

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

Many: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily "Making Miracles," Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Offering & Offertory "*Ordinary Miracle*"
Jeff Spangler & Peter Black
Composer: Glen Ballard and David Allan Stewart

Miracle Workers

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*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done,

Creator, Christ and Spirit One.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

***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, 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)*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

Our Daily Bread

***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** *Glory Glory Hallelujah*
Black New Century Hymnal No. 2
(Find Music at the End of this Program)

***Benediction**

Postlude, *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing!*, Peter Black

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and the work of our service groups here:

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I Will Trust in the Lord

African-American traditional

Ps. 37:3

1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the
 2 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y

3
 Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.
 right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

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One use of this traditional song has been in African-American

Tune: TRUST IN THE LORD Irr.

GOD

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Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Exod. 15:20; Gen. 28:12; Ps. 81:6

African-American spiritual

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, since I
 2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I
 3 Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I
 4 I am danc - ing Mir - iam's dance now, since I
 5 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I
 6 Ev - ery round goes higher and high - er, since I

laid my bur - dens down. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
 laid my bur - dens down. I feel bet - ter, so much
 laid my bur - dens down. Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le -
 laid my bur - dens down. I am danc - ing Mir - iam's
 laid my bur - dens down. I am climb - ing Ja - cob's
 laid my bur - dens down. Ev - ery round goes higher and

lu - jah, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 bet - ter, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - dens down.
 dance now, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lad - der, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 high - er, since I laid my bur - dens down.