

**Bethany Memorial Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
January 17, 2021  
Martin Luther King, Jr Sunday**

**Prelude  
Welcome  
Announcements**

Vicki NeCastro  
Brenda Hart

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brenda Hart

**HYMN OF PRAISE: #631 vv. 1,3**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Lift Every Voice And Sing, till earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.  
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

**INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*Our Father/Mother 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And, also with you.

## **THE WORD IN OUR MIDST**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Sharon Watkins

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

John 1:43-51

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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."

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Brenda Hart

## **SERMON**

Rev. Watkins

## **WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE**

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

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## **DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

Helen Moren

## **THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER**

Helen Moren

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION**

*Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.*

## **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*"I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me"*

I'm gonna live so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me,  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **BENEDICTION POSTLUDE**

Rev. Watkins  
Vicki NeCastro

## **PRAYER LIST**

All those affected by Covid-19 both in our community and beyond.

Judy Van Horn

Ricky Terrell (Sydma's sister-in-law's dad), seriously ill with Covid-19.

Gary and Vonnie Larson

Jean McVicar, mother-in-law of Connie McVicar

Brittany Smurthwaite, daughter of Susan Smurthwaite

Chris Smurthwaite

Grandchildren of Susan Smurthwaite

Ashley Pietrangelo, niece of Penny Tittle

Mark and Donna Sutherland, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Sutherland

Shana Hatzopoulos and Nicolas Hatzopoulos

Lynn Cowell, brother of Shirley Kemp

Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)

Jackie Andrews

Mike Gostlin, son-in-law of Larry and Carol Grimes (husband to Becca)

Jeanne Cobb

David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)

Tammy Ritchea

Ruth Tye, Jeannie Sarg Tye, and Jay Tye

Jack Hoffman

Ned George (father of David) and family

Perry Jones, Jr.

Jeffrey Yost

Sharon Poyneer (sister of Vonnie Larson)

Caden Knisley

Ellen Sanford

Mary Jane Jackson

Holly, Frank, and Sharley Hillgardner

Donna Norman (Becky Ayers' sister)

Dottie Smith

Linda Owens Walter

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There will be no Bible Study this Monday, January 18** because of the "Four Nights of Celebration and Call to Action" to be sponsored by as part of MLK week at Bethany College. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, the presentation will be on "Honoring Dr. King: Reparations, Truth and Reconciliation." On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be an "Art and Resistance Online Paint Party, on Wednesday "Victories and MVPS: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Athletics" and on Thursday an MLK Trivia Contest. All events take place on Zoom and begin at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, contact the church office at 304-829-7138.

**Mid-Week Prayer Meeting** will take place on Thursdays of each week at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, call the church office so we can make sure you receive a Zoom invitation.

There are students at Bethany College who are likely to return in January without appropriate outer wear. **The Dean of Students office is asking for donations of new, warm, winter coats, etc. to help needy students.** Coats can be dropped off at Student Life or hung on the rack outside of student life. New coats, gloves, and hats in all sizes are welcome. If you prefer, items can be dropped off at the church and we will deliver them to the Student Life office. Call the church office if you would like to make arrangements for your donations.

**Faithful Conversation on Racial Justice: Sunday, January 24 1:30-3pm via zoom**  
*From our sister church in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania:*

The Christian Church of Wilksburg with a long history of studying and working toward racial justice is excited to welcome Bethany Memorial Church in our first joint conversation. Following the murder of George Floyd the CCW decided to move to monthly instead of bi-annual conversations about racism. Sometimes they invite a speaker. Sometimes they view a brief video clip. The conversations always begin and end with prayer because this is deep spiritual work. This is designed to be a true conversation where folks share and ask questions and receive in a spirit of Christian hospitality opinions that are different from their own. A zoom link will be sent during the week before this conversation. **Welcome Bethany Memorial Church!** We believe God is doing a new thing for both congregations!

### **Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

Minister

Liturgist

Elder

Music

Videographer

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