

A Time Apart Worship
Rutland UMC & Church of the Wildwood
Sunday, January 17, 2021

OPENING MUSIC

We Shall Overcome

Joy Choir

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP * by Joanna Harader

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

"(Your name), come and follow me."

A simple call. A hard call. Because following requires leaving.

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

But we have come this far, to this place,

Where we can listen and be transformed.

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son, Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

4. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all

SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH

Psalm 139:1-18

Jennifer Yakunovich

UNISON PRAYER

God, there is so much moving through our hearts and minds right now, we don't know where to place our attention. Help us to focus on you. May we listen for your voice calling to us in the night as Samuel did. May we listen for your voice in conversations we have with one another. May we listen for your voice in the news and in current events. Help us to hear you speaking, and guide us to respond with compassion, with courage and with faith that together we can bring about the Beloved Community you long for. We pray in Jesus's name, Amen.

MOMENTS OF QUIET MEDITATION

SGO

*When you speak to me, Lord, may I hear you
Tuning my heart and my spirit to Yours
Coming into holy communion
With You and with the whole world.*

SUNG RESPONSE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

#454 (2)

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

God's Call

Pastor Shirley Oskamp

- ~ Have you heard God calling you? Tell someone about your experience.
- ~ Nathaniel had to reassess his assumptions, when have you had to do the same?
- ~ What good came of this reassessment of your assumptions?

PASTORAL PRAYER

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

The gifts you offer us, God, overwhelm us in their abundance and richness. May this offering we give be a token of our commitment to your work here in this church, this community and beyond. Use our hands and our voices and bless all of the gifts we offer to your holy purposes. Amen.

HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#519

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.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has 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.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

May the voice of God guide you through the difficult passages of your days and nights. May the wisdom of God give you courage to speak the truth in love. May the love of God surround you and may the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, be with you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

*There is a Balm in Gilead
Amen, Amen*

Ann Reed, Pianist

REACHING OUT - During this time of worshiping at home, the work of the church continues. We are reaching out through phone, letter and internet, feeding hungry people and offering spiritual support to those in need of encouragement (which is really all of us). Thank you for continuing your faithful support of our church through your offering, which may be mailed to Rutland UMC at 60 Strongs Ave. Rutland, VT 05701. You can also call RUMC (773-2460) to pay by credit card.

Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm via ZOOM. Join us as we read and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438229806?pwd=bzlBMU5zNmNNMzJ6dlllQmVpUzhQZz09>

Dial in +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 854 3822 9806 Passcode: 178551

Joy Choir rehearsals: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm by way of Zoom. Contact Ann Reed or the Church office for the Zoom link.

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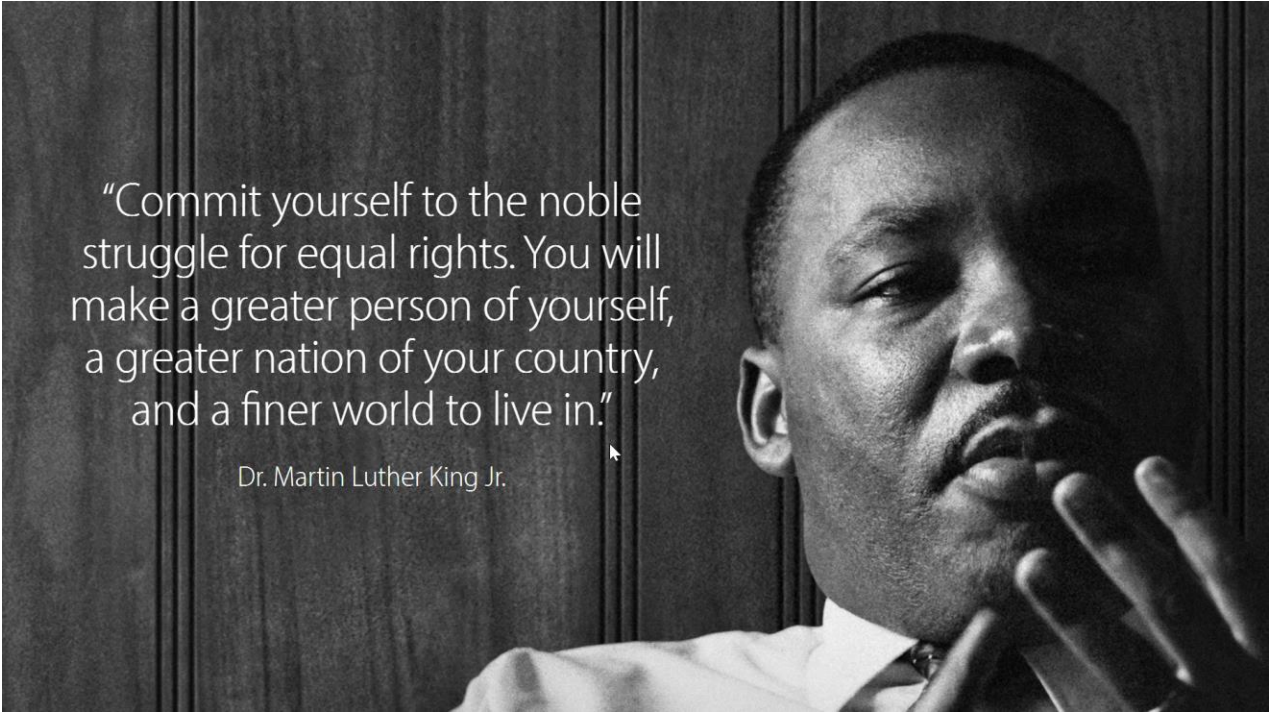
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A black and white photograph of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He is looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression, his hand raised near his chin. The background is dark and textured.

"Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. HOLIDAY

A color portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt, looking directly at the viewer with a slight smile. The background is a soft, light yellow.

EVERYBODY
can be
great.
Because
ANYBODY
can
SERVE.
You only
need a
HEART
full of
A grace.
SOUL
generated
by LOVE.

REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!