



Unitarian Universalist
Community of Charlotte

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Martin Luther King Day, Observed

Service Leaders:

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

John Hilke, Lay Service Leader

John Herrick, Director of Music

It goes on one at a time, it starts when you care to act, it starts
when you do it again and they said no, it starts when you say We
and know who you mean, and each day you mean one more.

from The Low Road, by Marge Piercy

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Interim Minister

Opening Music

Hymn to Freedom

by Oscar Peterson
John Herrick, piano

Call to Worship

Opening Song

Oh, I Woke Up This Morning [Grey 153]
African American Spiritual

*Oh, I woke up this morning
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning
with my mind stayed on freedom,
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.*

*I was walking and talking with my mind
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Walking and talking
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Walking and talking
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.*

*I was singing and praying
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Singing and praying
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Singing and praying
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.*

*Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning
with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning
with my mind stayed on freedom,
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.*

Chalice Lighting **Beacon of Freedom** by Tracy Johnson

Chorus *Circle 'Round for Freedom [Gray 155]*
by Lind Hirschhorn

*Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle
whole.*

Reading from "Don't Sleep Through the Revolution"
1996 Ware Lecture
by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Musical Interlude *Troubled Water* by Margaret Bonds

Reading The Low Road by Marge Piercy

Congregational Song *Be the Change*
by Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt

*Be the change you want to see in the world,
Be the change you want to see in the world,
Be the change you want to see in the world,
And change will come to you.*

*Be the voice you want to hear in the world,
Be the voice you want to hear in the world,
Be the voice you want to hear in the world,
And change will come to you.*

*Be the light you want to shine in the world,
Be the light you want to shine in the world,
Be the light you want to shine in the world,
And change will come to you.*

Reflection, part 1 Martin Luther King Day, Observed
video Bayard Rustin

Reflection, part 2 Martin Luther King Day, Observed

Musical Offering *You Are the New Day* by John David
arr. by Peter Knight
Adult Choir
Scott Whitesell, collaborative pianist

Reflection, part 3 Martin Luther King Day, Observed

Offering Words John Hilke, Stewardship Team

Offering Music *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*
African American Spiritual
arr. by Clif Hardin

Concerns of the Congregation

Meditation by Wayne B. Arnason

Closing Song *Answering the Call of Love* [Teal 1014]
by Jason Shelton

*The promise of the Spirit:
faith, hope and love abide.
And so ev'ry soul
is blessed and made whole;
the truth in our hearts is our guide.*

*We are answering the call of love:
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim
we are answering the call of love.*

*Sometimes we build a barrier
to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear,
unwilling to hear,
denying the beauty we've found.*

*We are answering the call of love:
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim
we are answering the call of love.*

*A bright new day is dawning
when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace
in ev'ry embrace,
fulfilling the vision divine.*

*We are answering the call of love:
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim
we are answering the call of love.*

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music

We Shall Overcome

**African American Spiritual
arr. by J. David Moore**

Announcements, Events, and Programming

- Please join us for coffee and conversation in Freeman Hall immediately following the service. Contact Kelly Greene if you would like to volunteer as a coffee server.
- Are you following along for our Sunday Schedule online? Easily access information about and links to our Sunday programming for children, youth, and adults, including classes, our Sunday service, and social opportunities in *Currents*.
- Don't miss your chance to show off your chili-making skills at the Chili Cookoff on January 20. Sign up today! Don't want to cook? No problem! Starting at 5:30 p.m. everyone is invited to join us for tastings. Live music and beer/wine as well as other refreshments as sides so we hope to have a big turnout for an evening of spicy celebration!
- For the ongoing opportunities to discuss the changes to the UUA bylaws, known as "Article II," we will have our next session on January 21 at 11:30 in the Bernstein Room. We hope many of you will join us! This session will be centered around the other parts of Article II: Purpose, Inspirations, Inclusion, and Freedom of Belief.
- Working with the UUCC staff and Board of Trustees, the Minister Search Team has announced the dates for what we expect to be a joyful week as we welcome a new Settled Minister candidate in the Spring.



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Welcome visitors! We're glad you found us and hope you will spend some time getting to know us better. If you want to learn more about the UUC, please visit our website and/or email Director of Member Relations Kelly Greene.

We are delighted to be building a truly multigenerational community, and we know this is a new experience for many. Please be considerate of others in the Sanctuary. If your child needs a break but you wish to still hear the service, you are invited to visit our alternative worship space in the Bernstein Room. Additionally, childcare is always available in the nursery during shared worship times. If your child isn't able to be in the service for long, please keep trying as they grow! It is a blessing to have them here

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