

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 19, 2014

Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: The beloved community

But I say to you, Love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you...

Matthew 5: 44

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Ron Flaming

Gathering Music & Procession

*We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth. May we trust the
Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives
together with God as we begin our time of worship.*

Call to worship HWB 840

Opening Hymn HWB 12

Come, let us all unite to sing

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Children's Time

Peter Eash-Scott

Hymn HWB 627

There is a balm in Gilead

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5: 43-45

Quiet Reflection

The periods of silence will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.

Meditation

Erin Bradley
Emma Bradley

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

I've Been to the Mountaintop

Everett Bradley

Hymn of response HWB 579

Lift every voice and sing

Offertory and Prayer

Sharing Time and Introductions

*During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite
responses to the worship service, and share prayer concerns and
joys. Please sign the Welcome Pages (black books) in the pews so
we can learn each others' names.*

Prayers of the People

Sending Song

We Shall Overcome

1. We shall overcome,
we shall overcome,
we shall overcome,
we shall overcome, someday!
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
we shall overcome someday.

2. We'll walk hand in hand.

3. We shall all be free.

4. We shall live in peace.

5. The Lord will see us through.

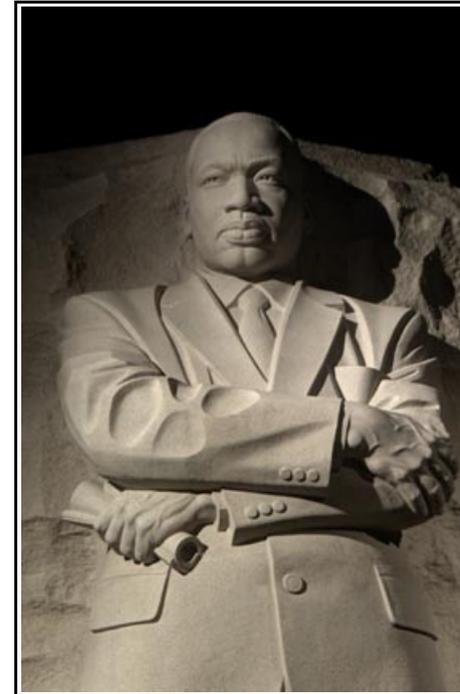
Benediction

Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

“There was a time when the church was very powerful--in the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Whenever the early Christians entered a town, the people in power became disturbed and immediately sought to convict the Christians for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators." But the Christians pressed on, in the conviction that they were "a colony of heaven," called to obey God rather than man. Small in number, they were big in commitment. They were too God-intoxicated to be "astronomically intimidated." By their effort and example they brought an end to such ancient evils as infanticide and gladiatorial contests. Things are different now. So often the contemporary church is a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. So often it is an arch defender of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent--and often even vocal--sanction of things as they are.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

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Sunday, January 19, 2014

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Karen Schla Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound and Closing: David Kaufman
Bulletin cover: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Statue, Washington
DC, *photo by Scott Ableman*

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

9:30 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship
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