



Morning Worship, January 14, 2024

The Gathering to Worship Prelude

The Entering to Worship – Creative Praise Young Adult Choir

The Call to Worship/Prayer/Holy Word/Welcome
Shekijah “JuJu” Carmichael, Ethan Tricksey, Caiya Matete

The King Day Litany/The Congregational Hymn of Praise
(*Please stand as you are able*)

Song of Praise – Creative Praise Young Adult Choir

The Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving
(*You are welcome to come to the alter*)

The Sermonic Selection – Creative Praise Young Adult Choir

The Hearing of the Word
“The Power of A. I.” – Colossians 1:15-21
– Pastor Aaron Naeem Robinson

The Invitation to Discipleship
The Invitational Praise

The Blessing of Giving

The Announcements

The Going Forth Blessing

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Leader: In every era, God has chosen men and women to serve the needs of his people. Such a servant was Martin Luther King, Jr. whose birth we celebrate. We are deeply thankful for the life of this twentieth century prophet.

Community: May the wisdom and words of Martin Luther King rekindle our faith.

Leader: May the deep love that Dr. King had for all people be released in us, that we too might work miracle in the lives of those who continue to hate.

Community: Dr. King taught that only love can overcome hatred, bitterness, and fear.

Leader: May his struggle for social transformation continue in this generation. May all people come to believe that with perseverance, "We Shall Overcome".

Community: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream." (Am. 5:24)

Leader: May the work of Dr. King continue to eradicate racial injustice and its ungodly consequences.

Community: Dr. King pursued his dream for racial equality by appealing to the conscience of his enemies.

Leader: May we continue to cultivate the nonviolent discipline of Dr. King, abandoning unrestrained acts of force.

Community: He taught us that a heart full of grace and love is just as important as an education.

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Leader: May the spirit of Dr. King continue to flow through our daily living.

Community: He believed in self-respect and dignity, even though he knew that there would be difficult days ahead.

Leader: May we have the courage of Dr. King as we continue to stand up for justice, reconciliation, and truth, despite the challenge and controversy.

Community: Dr. King said that war is never a victory, regardless of the outcome.

Leader: Dr. King stated, "God never intended for one group of people to live in superfluous inordinate wealth, while others live in abject deadening poverty."

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Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ cause the fury of war to vanish from the face of the earth.

ALL: Dr. King went to the mountain top; he saw the Promised Land; and he reassured us that we will get there one day. God of Glory, be with us on the journey.

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