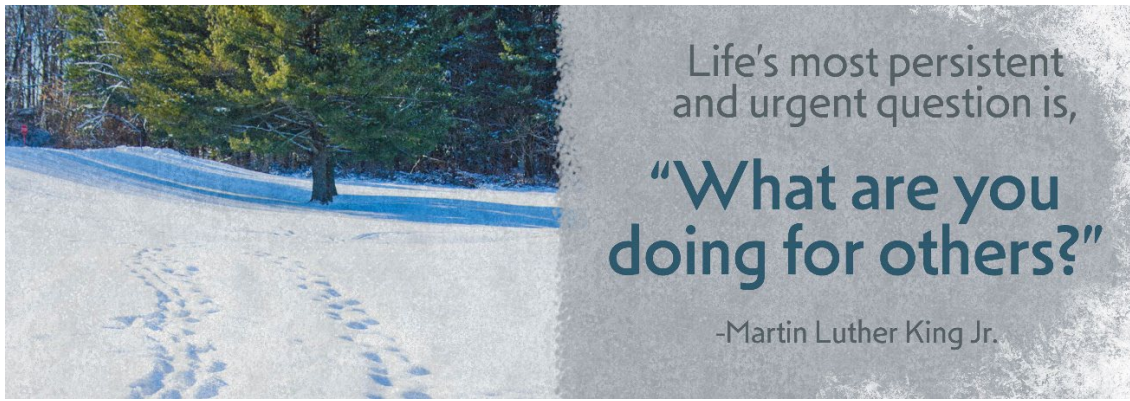


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Human Relations Day

Remembering the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This was adapted from a worship service that was celebrated on January 17, 2007, at the Wightman Chapel of the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: One day, every valley will be filled;

PEOPLE: **One day, every mountain and hill will be made low;**

LEADER: One day, all the crooked will be made straight;

PEOPLE: **One day, all the rough ways will be made smooth,**

LEADER: One day, God's kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven!

PEOPLE: **We're all going to see it, together!**

*HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing
#519 UMH

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 thru 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 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.

Author: James Weldon Johnson (1921)
Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1921)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-4 (NRSV)

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until vindication shines out like the dawn, and salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight..."

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Thanks be to God.

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SHARING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand,
#724 UMH, refrain only

I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

Words: Samuel Stennett (1787)
Music: Rigdon M. McIntosh (1895)

CONFESSION AND PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

Stony the road we have walked and yet we forget our footsteps. We have, too often, not honored the faith. We have, too often, strayed from the righteous path. We have, too often, not lived out the radical gospel of service and peace. We have, too often, lived in division and sin. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to our heritage; back to you...

Bound by our chains of sin and finiteness, we know we need a Savior. We thank thee, O God, for the spiritual nature of humanity.

Help us never to let anyone or any condition pull us so low as to cause us to hate. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to do good to those who spitefully use us and persecute us.

We thank thee for the Church, founded upon the Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but to go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depends on us and not upon You alone.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.
Hear the silent prayers of our hearts...
(silent prayers)

Hear us as we join saying:

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is our peace and has torn down every barrier between us and heaven; between us and all humanity. Christ has broken down these barriers that separate and has built us up into one body in God by the Spirit. Whoever repents and believes, Christ has promised reconciliation and peace. Let us live as people reconciled. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Since we have been reconciled, let us share the peace that has been given us in grace. May the peace of God be with you. Respond: **And also with you!***

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SHARING OF GIFTS

***RESPONSE**

Spirit of the Living God
#393 UMH

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Words & Music Daniel Iverson (1926)
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SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (NRSVUE)

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

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MESSAGE

A New Name
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West
#548 UMH

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham (1913)

3rd verse text: Laurence Hull Stookey (1987)

Music: Harry T. Burleigh

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*BLESSING

And what does God require of us,
but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.

May the grace of Jesus Christ,
the love God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us all.
Amen!

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Rev. Steve Hoard

Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scherr and Galen and Shanon Mills



*Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium
following the 9:40am service!*

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WOMEN'S STUDIES

[ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited](https://armstrongchapel.org/womenunited)

- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. *Untangling Faith—Reclaiming Hope in the Questions Jesus Asked*. Have you ever felt you struggled to find your faith footing? Author Amberly Neese explores the questions Jesus asked as a way to reclaim that faith. Chapters include our own questions like "Can God be trusted?" and "How can I grow in faith?" Led by Sue Porter and Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:30pm** at Panera in Mariemont. New 12-week study begins 1/27. *Through the Desert: A Study on God's Faithfulness* by Lina Abuljamra helps us find water for our souls. Whether you're navigating through spiritual deserts or seeking a clearer understanding of God's faithfulness, this experience will awaken your Spirit and draw you closer to God. Join us as we journey through the desert with Abraham, the Israelites, John the Baptist, and Jesus. Along the way, we discover that our own deserts offer gifts of mercy, purpose, and spiritual abundance. Led by Victoria Rhodus. To get your book with video access, please call (513) 379-5187.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland.
- **Thursdays at 6:30am** in the Armstrong Room. *William Barclay's Gospel of Mark*. Led by Jan Bell and Pam Westrup.

MEN'S STUDIES

[ArmstrongChapel.org/men](https://armstrongchapel.org/men)

- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture (currently in 1 Timothy) led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm at 50 West Burger Bar. Continuing to study 1 Corinthians. Led by Gordon Miller. Arrive at 6:30 if you plan to eat.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Led by Bill Woodward.

