

iucc Irvine United Congregational Church
*An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

January 15, 2023 • 9:30am & 11:00am

HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Prelude

There is a Balm in Gilead

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Gathering Song

As We Gather

Congregation

by Coomes & Fay

*As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
(Repeat)*

Welcome

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Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit

I Want to Be Ready

NCH 616

African-American spiritual, arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix
v. 1,2,3,4,5

I want to be ready, I want to be ready,
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
(refrain)
Oh, John, oh John, what do you say? Walk in Jerusalem just like John.
That I'll be there at the coming day, walk in Jerusalem just like John.
(refrain)
When Martha spoke, the Savior's name, walk in Jerusalem just like John.
She knew she'd never be the same, walk in Jerusalem just like John.
(refrain)
When Peter was preaching at Pentecost, walk in Jerusalem just like John.
He was endowed with the Holy Ghost, walk in Jerusalem just like John.
(refrain)
When Mary asked Jesus to come and see, walk in Jerusalem just like John
Her faith gave Lazarus victory, walk in Jerusalem just like John.
(refrain)
John's said the city was just four-square, walk in Jerusalem just like John
And He declares he'd meet me there, walks in Jerusalem just like John.
(refrain)

Call to Worship

Lester Ricks

One: We gather to connect with our God, who creates us and loves us;

Many: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

One: Who offers Jesus to show us how to live;

Many: Who inspires us to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

Many: And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

All: Draw us in to inspire us again, to challenge us and hold us, and send us forth as beloved community to do your work, share your light and live your love.

(Adapted from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.)

Hymn

We Shall Overcome

NCH 570

v. 1,2,3,6

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day;

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.

We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we'll go hand in hand some day.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today;

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace some day;

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall live in peace some day.

A Fresh Word

Anthem

I Sing Because I'm Happy

Chancel Choir

by Rollo Dilworth

Prayers of the Church

Chaplain Richard Davenport

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer...

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable), which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Lester Ricks

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Lift every voice and sing, til 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 harsh 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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might, led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Lest our feet stray from the paces, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Scripture**Amos 5:21-24****Lester Ricks**

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sermon**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano****Benediction****Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano****Response*****Alleluia*****Congregation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
(Repeat)

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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