

# *ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY*

**JANUARY 17, 2016**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.*

*Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now.*

*You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.\*\**

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

WELCOME

Leroy Seat, Worship Leader

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, let us worship together!

**C: Let us worship God, our exalted Lord!**

L: Let us worship God, who is known by many names.

**C: Let us worship the Lord, Creator of heaven and earth!**

L: Let us worship Creator God, who reigns over the world with love and mercy.

**All: Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**\*HYMN #48 St. 1-4**

*All creatures of our God and King*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Buerge

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8

HYMN STS #54

*What does the Lord require of you?*

READINGS IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

MESSAGE

*Bringing Dr. King's teachings into today's world*  
Rabbi Moti Rieber

## ANTHEM

For text see STS #33

*Let justice roll like a river*

Haugen

Kenton Kaufman, solo

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

### INTRODUCTIONS

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### SHARING JOY

### SHARING CONCERNS

### PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

### OFFERING

Offertory: STS #122 *Let all creation dance*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #579

*Lift every voice and sing*  
Brett Jackson, saxophone



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

### \*SENDING FORTH

**L:** Our time of public worship is now over;  
we depart to begin again our service in the places where God has put us.

**C:** **We leave with the desire to act justly, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

**All:** *We go forth with the hope that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.*

## \*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “STS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

\*\* Rabbi Rami Shapiro, based on Wisdom of the Sages 2:21.

### **Readings in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

God comes into the picture even when the Church won't take a stand. God has injected a principle into this universe. God has said that all [people] must respect the dignity and worth of all human personality, “And you don't do that, I will take charge!” It seems this morning that I can hear God speaking. I can hear [God] speaking throughout the universe saying, “Be still and know that I am God. And you don't stop, if you don't straighten up, if you don't stop exploiting people, I'm going to rise up and break the backbone of your power. And your power will be no more!

-Excerpt from *The Birth of a New Nation*, sermon delivered by Dr. King at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church on April 7, 1957

[The] call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all [people]. This oft misunderstood and misinterpreted concept – so readily dismissed by the Nietzsches of the world as a weak and cowardly force – has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of [humanity]. When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Moslem-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first epistle of Saint John:

Let us love one another; for love is God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

-Excerpt from *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence*, April 4, 1967

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?  
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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