

MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on "Thaxed"

- Robert Buckley Farlee

THE BELL – SILENCE

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: Let us give thanks to God – the God of all races and peoples.

All: Let us thank God for faithful disciples of compassion and justice.

One: For apostles, martyrs, leaders and saints.

All: For folks who never make the news and all around us in the pews.

One: Today we especially thank God for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

All: And Coretta and Medgar and Rosa and Malcolm.

One: We give thanks for those still reminding us that Black Lives Matter.

All: For Opal and Patrisse and Alicia

One: From the nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of Jim Crow to all whose lives are cut short today by brutality.

All: For Trayvon and Tamir and Michael and Walter and Sandra.

One: To God we give thanks for faithful disciples of compassion and justice. And for the call upon each of us by our God – with whom nothing is impossible.

All: Let us worship God!

*SONG OF GATHERING

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

verses 1, 3



1 Lift ev-'ry voice and sing till earth and heav-en ring, ring with the har - mo -
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si-lent tears, thou who hast brought us



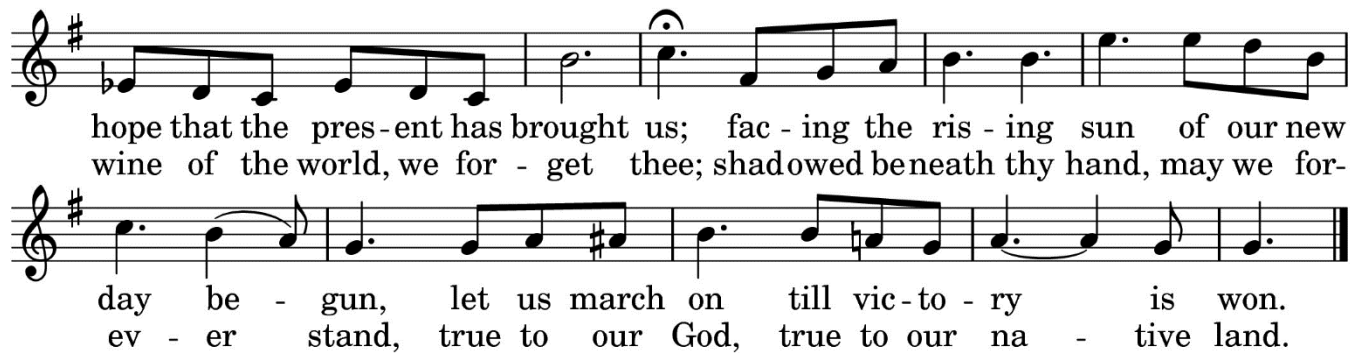
nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re-joic-ing rise high as the lis - t'ning
thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



skies, let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the
plac - es, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the



hope that the pres-ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new wine of the world, we for - get thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for-day be - gun, let us march on till vic-to - ry is won. ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “We Are Rising Up” verses 1, 2



1. We are ris - ing up to - day, we are ris - ing up to - day,
2. Jus - tice in the world to - day, jus - tice in the world to - day,
we are ris - ing up to - day. Ris - ing for our lives.
jus - tice in the world to - day. Jus - tice for our lives.

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ANTHEM “We Shall Overcome” - Shelton Ridge Love

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RESPONSE “We Are Rising Up” verses 1, 4

*We are rising up today, we are rising up today
We are rising up today, Rising for our lives.
Truth will set us free today, truth will set us free today,
Truth will set us free today, Truth will free our lives.*

*THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

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THE WORDS OF DR. KING

SERMON “Let Us Be Dissatisfied”

PRAYER OF HONESTY

God of Justice, whenever we settle for the way things are
instead of the way you would have them to be, forgive us.

Whenever we are paralyzed by fear or limited in vision, increase our trust in you.

Whenever we offer charity, but fail to work for justice,
show us the more excellent way that your love requires.

Whenever we tire of our struggles and tomorrow feels overwhelming, restore our hope.

Whenever we forget those who have gone before us or act as if we were
the first to struggle, allow us to recognize our arrogance.

May the witness of our brother Martin encourage us to be dreamers for Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: If, by reflection, analysis, and prayer, we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us, the pain among us, the selfishness within us, and the work before us, be assured that God's call is constantly being revealed in us. Always remember and never forget: The liberating love of God is already at work within you!

RESPONSE

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

verses 1, 3



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

COMMUNITY BUILDING – Announcements

OUR OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE

“We Are Rising Up”

verses 1, 7

*We are rising up today,
We are rising up today
We are rising up today,
Rising for our lives.*

*We will not give up today,
We will not give up today
We will not give up today,
Won't give up our lives*

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

One: I will not be silent. The one who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as the one who helps to perpetrate it.

All: I will not be silent. The one who accepts without protesting against evil is really cooperating with it.

One: I will not be silent. Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, change comes through continuous struggle.

All: Let us be dissatisfied –

One: until we live in a world that works for everyone.

All: Yes! We will not be silent until there is true Liberty and Justice for All!

* AFFIRMATION (to be sung)

**“O may the peace of God be with you evermore;
and may the power of God’s great love your soul again restore,
and may you always know God’s never-ending care,
and feel God’s gracious spirit upon you everywhere.”**

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne”

- Louis Couperin

**indicates all who are able, please stand*

Welcome to all worshiping with us today. If you are new to Mission Hills UCC, we invite you to fill out the blue card in the pew so we can get to know you and share more about our ministries and community life. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. We are a church that welcomes families with children in every aspect of our common life. During worship, child care services are available in the church nursery for those under three years of age. Baby changing tables are available in the unisex bathrooms.

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THIS WEEK AT MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 16

9:30 a.m. Communion (Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – office closed

Tuesday, January 18

9:30 a.m. Diabetes Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Mission Hills Food Distribution (parking lot)

Wednesday, January 19

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (via zoom)

Thursday, January 20

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Lectionary via zoom
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

Sunday, January 21

9:30 a.m. Communion (Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Worship