Order of Worship January 15, 2017

*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.
The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.
Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.
Please turn off the ringtone on your cell phone.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship by The Rev. Nathan Decker, United Methodist Pastor, Virginia
(1 Samuel 3:1-10, inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail)

Leader: The Lord calls us, Church, hear the cry of the oppressed!
People: How long, O Lord, will your servants be caught sleeping in the comforts of the status quo!
Leader: Awake, Body of Christ, Arise with Justice and Mercy!
People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.
Leader: O, Christian, do not be afraid, speak Justice and show Mercy!
People: Open our mute lips that we might advocate for the voiceless.
Leader: The Lord calls us, Church, hear the cry of the oppressed!
People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening!

*Hymn #531 God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Unison Prayer by The Rev. Dr. Eugene Blair, retired District Superintendent, Detroit, MI

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the saints who have borne witness to your Word throughout the ages. We give special thanks for your servant Martin Luther King, Jr., who responded to your voice to serve and gave his life for the cause of love and justice in our land. May we too respond with the depth of commitment that will enable us to give of ourselves in full measure. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, we pray, that we too might feel the call to serve your people. May we not tire of doing good in the face of wrong and evil. May we continue to work for a nation marked by justice, love, and fellowship as only you can create. Inspire our hearts, strengthen our wills, build up our resolve that we too might become worthy of the heritage that has been given to us in the witness of Martin Luther King, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, May the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go!**

Prayers of the People
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Quiet Prayer
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #782

**To God, all glorious heavenly, Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Matthew 19:23-30

Sermon The Dream Still Lives

*Sing! #161 Open My Eyes

Sacrament of the Holy Communion - All are welcome at Christ's table!

This morning we will receive communion by Intinction which means "dipping." Bread and gluten-free round wafers may be dipped in grape juice (silver chalice); or wine (earthen chalice). Those seated in the back of the sanctuary are invited to come forward first via the center aisle. You may visit either station. As you receive the bread and the cup, you are invited to respond with silence or the phrase "thanks be to God." Return to your seat via the side aisles.

*Hymn #163 Many Are the Lightbeams

*Benediction

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! Arr. Mark Hayes

(To honor the gifts of our musicians, please remain seated for the Postlude)

Mission Statement

- While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

Birthdays this Week

Jay Cruz 01/15
Sue Pike 01/17
Dale Miller 01/18
Linda Knudsen 01/20

Today's Worship Leaders

Reader—Jeanine Elliott
Ushers—Linda Timmel (Head), Mac Macpherson, Liz Flannery, Paige Unangst
Altar Flowers—Pat Lewis
Fellowship Food—Keniston doughnuts
Coffee—Home Perk
Open and Close—David Green
Sound—Sia Lindstrom, Ken Bussell
Nursery—Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Safia Elogbi
Sunday School—Jim Butler, Melody Dawley
Youth—Ken Ruse, Pam Schlueter

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