



**“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”**

**-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Music streamed in today’s service

Prelude in C - JS Bach  
When Morning Gilds the Skies - PH #35  
Here I Am, Lord - Dan Schutte  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Take My Hand, Precious Lord  
Take My Life and Let It Be - PH #404  
He Leadeth Me - arr. Jason D. Payne

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Call to Worship

Duncan Todd

The one who calls us together this day yearns for each of us and for all people to hear and be blessed.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

God of our weary years and God of our silent tears,  
thou who has brought us thus far on the way,  
we invite your presence into our midst  
as we pay tribute to all who have labored for justice, equality and love.  
We pray that in this moment you would strengthen us to continue to  
fight for the fulfillment of the dream that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr. so eloquently laid out on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.  
Help us to labor so that every valley is exalted,  
every hill and mountain made low,  
the rough places are plain, and the crooked places made straight  
so that the glory of the Lord is revealed,  
and all flesh see it together.  
Let your love guide us to see one another as fully human with diverse  
hues, colors, ethnicities and cultures,  
and respect the content of their character.  
Let your spirit strengthen us for the fight of today and tomorrow  
until all God's children can say with full conviction,  
"Free at last. Free at last. Thank God All-Mighty, I'm free at last."  
Amen.

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,  
To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of angels cry,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals, too, upraise  
Their voice in hymns of praise, May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5 In heav'n's eternal bliss The loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let earth, and sea, and sky  
From depth to height reply May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 6 Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised!

German: anon., 1828

Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.

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Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

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1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' 5 and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

# Hymn Here I am Lord

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*[Refrain:] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*[Refrain]*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied  
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*[Refrain]*

## Here I Am, Lord


Verses




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Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father (Creator), 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Mission Moment

Mona Roy

Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

## Take My Hand, Precious Lord

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## Doxology (#515 Red)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Fuller

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. Amen.



# Closing Hymn **Take My Life and Let It Be** Pilgrim Hymnal #404

- 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.
- 4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

## Take My Life and Let It Be

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*Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879*

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

*Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with a bass line in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with some words aligned with notes. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
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Postlude

He Leadeth Me

arr. Jason D. Payne

Benediction

Rev Reebee Girash

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our star is cast.  
and we see you at work still creating a just world for all.  
We leave empowered by the fresh winds of change  
and the dream that is before us  
to be God's hands, and feet and heart in this world  
today, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

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