



Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship, January 19, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Weekend**

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Today's service will be recorded.

SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025

PRELUDE

Processional - Daniel E. Gawthrop

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Stephanie Shore

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GATHERING SONG

This is the Day
Black Hymnal 84 v. 1

*This is the day,
this is the day that our God has made,
that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day,
that our God has made.*

OPENING LITANY

Stephanie Shore

"Love for Today" Written by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, General Minister and President of the UCC
From Psalm 36:5-10

ONE: Generation to generation, the steadfast love of God ever-present, ever-holy, ever-true extends in all directions - east, west, north and south from the heavens to the earth, rising above the clouds saving all people saving all life God created God's faithfulness a precious gift for all given to us, for this generation.

**ALL: God's steadfast love and righteousness
moved the mighty mountains of hatred and
discrimination this steadfast love:
a place of refuge for the weak
a place of hope for the hopeless
a place of strength for the weary
a place of courage for the downtrodden
a source of wisdom for dismantling oppression.**

ONE: God's steadfast love! Present in the quest for freedom giving vision for life abundant to the Ancestors a beacon shining brightly beyond injustice showing the way to the fountain of life to the rivers of freedom in God's light, light is seen the light of love, piercing the darkness of pain and disdain.

ALL: God's steadfast love continues with this generation pointing the way to freedom

ONE: those who know the living God those who have read the annals of history have seen the salvation of God

ALL: bringing justice to the land, freeing those who mourn God's steadfast love will prevail love given to all from generation to generation.

*OPENING HYMN

I Woke Up This Morning
Black Hymnal 85

African-American traditional

Leader (Unison) *All (Harmony)*

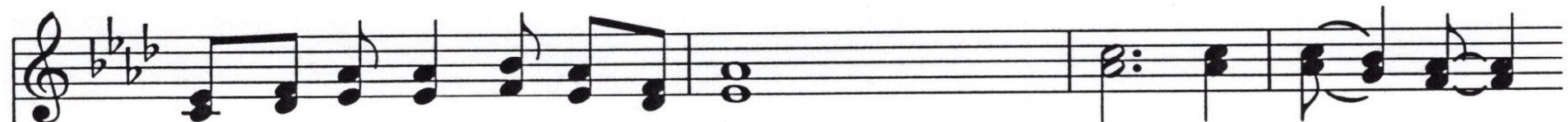
The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a 4-measure rest followed by a bass line of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the staves, with the first two lines of lyrics corresponding to the first two measures of the melody. The final two measures of the melody are marked with a repeat sign and correspond to the final two lines of lyrics.

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

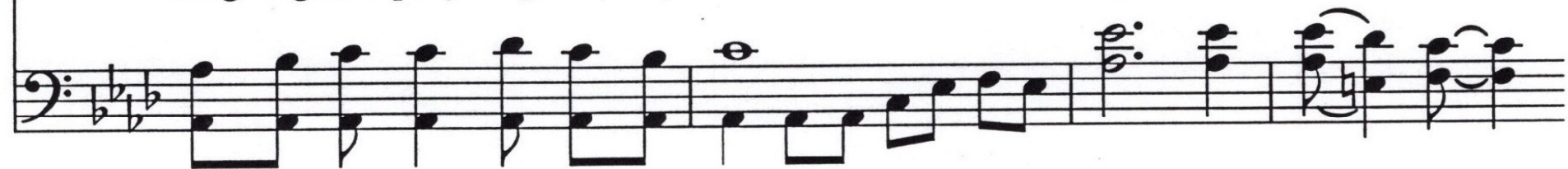
Hal-le - lu - jah,



Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,



Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,



Hal-le-lu - jah,



Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.



Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

OPENING PRAYER

Stephanie Shore

- in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now: Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Stephanie Shore

-Now concerning spiritual gifts, siblings, I do not want you to be uninformed.

²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

ONE: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go - Carson Colman

Children are invited to Sunday School at this time.

SERMON

*RESPONSE HYMN

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy - Black Hymnal 23



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.





There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Let Justice Roll Like a River - Marty Haugen

*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

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

or

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, we commit to use all our gifts
-wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing,
working of miracles, prophecy, discernment,
tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances-
in the service of acting as co-workers
with you and each other
for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream.
Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Lift Every Voice - Black Hymnal 593

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lift Every Voice". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text. The first verse is "Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the", the second is "Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, felt in the", and the third is "God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has".



har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

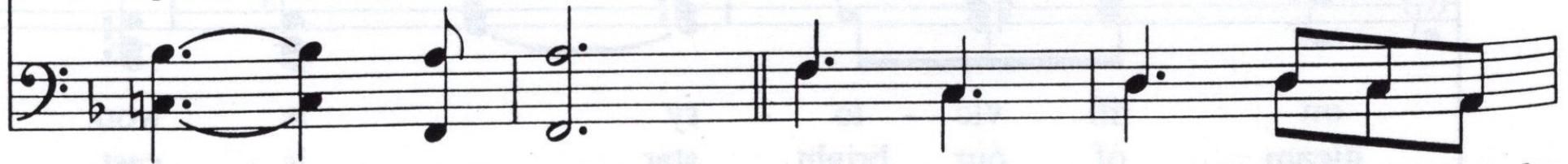


rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the



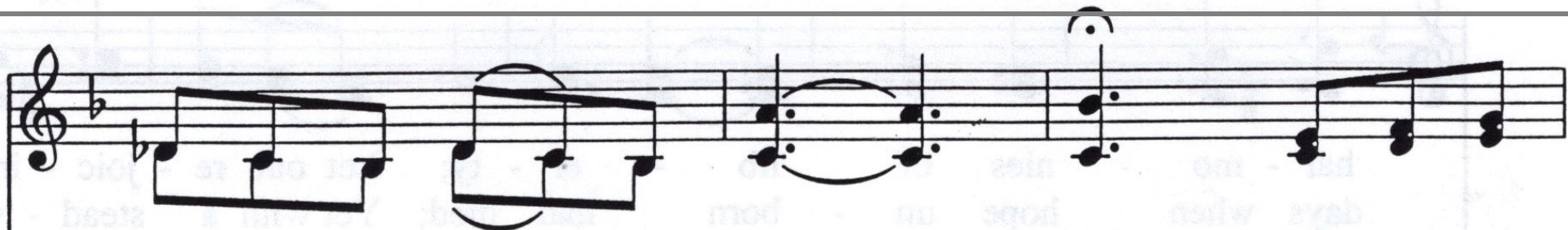


roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the



faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the





hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -



ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our





on till vic - to - ry is won.
gleam of our bright star is cast.
God, true to our na - tive land.

*BENEDICTION

Let us go forth to celebrate and strengthen our inescapable network of mutuality, and become the radiant hope needed in the world. As we go forth in this mutuality, may we experience our God rejoicing over us and with us. Let us go forth confident that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Prelude on His Truth is Marching On - Raymond H. Haan

"I was inspired to learn this piece in honor of the civil rights leader John Lewis whose biography by Jon Meacham is titled His Truth is Marching On." -Dot Bowe

Please join us for social time after worship.

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

Thank you to our Greeter,
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Dobre/Wilson Family.

SOURCE NOTES

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