



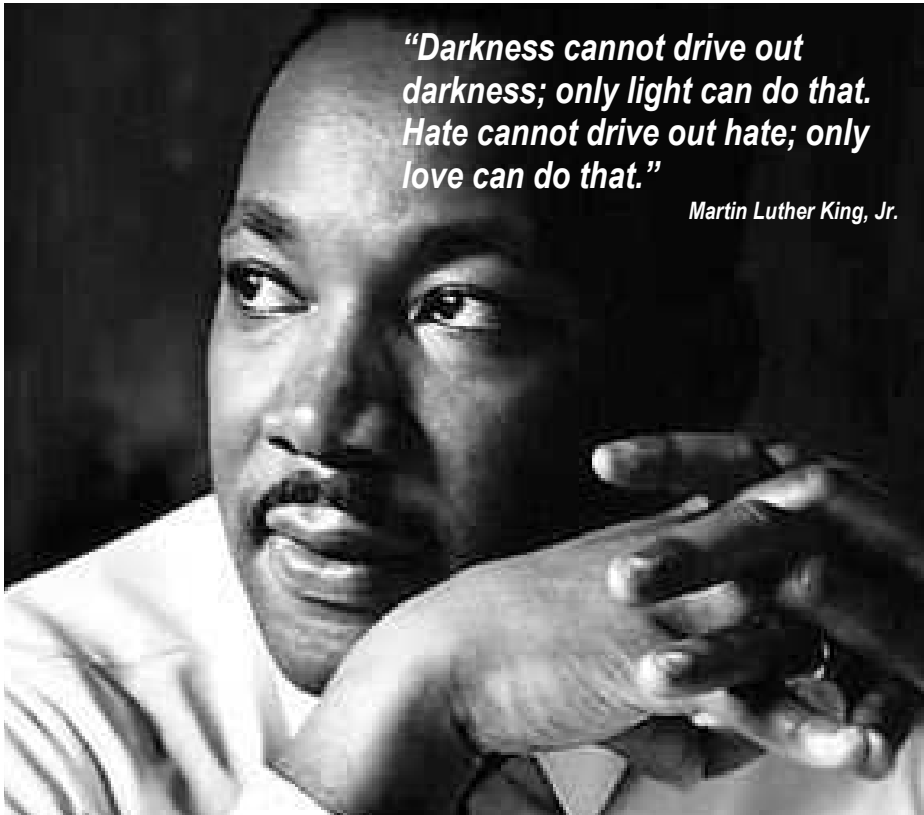
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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Crossing the Jordan

The Civil Rights March on Washington, of August 1963, was like the separating of the waters of the Red Sea so that God's children could escape from the bondage of segregation and discrimination.

There was still a wilderness of prejudice to cross, and we have spent 47 years in that wilderness. Some have crossed the river, but not everyone is in the Promised Land yet. And until every one of God's multi-colored children has received the fullness of the gift of freedom and equality, none of us are truly free.

So let us march on. Let us cross our Jordan River and build our schools and homes and places of employment in a land flowing with the milk of freedom and sweetened with the honey of justice. (hbc)

Calvary Presbyterian Church is a welcoming people of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, inspired by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit. We serve God, each other, our community, and the world, through worship, study, teaching, fellowship and outreach; demonstrating God's love, justice, compassion and grace.

Now is a good time to turn off our cell phones and listen for God's call.

Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down for others to sign.

PRELUDE

Pat Bofird

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

SONGS OF PRAISE

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

Elder Anne Marie Peck

One: How can we keep still this day?

All: There is joy in this place!

One: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

All: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

One: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

All: Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! AMEN.

INTROIT

"We Are Marching In The Light Of God" (part one)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Anne Marie Peck

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Are you troubled by the fickleness of human love?

All: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose love is faithful.

One: Are you troubled by the harshness of human judgments?

All: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose judgments are healing.

One: Are you troubled by the pride of human righteousness?

All: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose righteousness is pure.

INVOCATION

One: O God, you bless us with many gifts.

All: Let us stress not the diversity of our gifts but the unity of their source.

One: If we have more or greater gifts than others,

All: let us refrain from boasting, for all gifts are given by you for the good of the whole.

One: If others have more gifts than we,

All: let us not grumble, for all gifts are given by you for the good of the whole.

One: If our tasks are too big for our gifts,

All: let us accept the support of others.

One: If others have tasks that are too big for their gifts,

All: let us be quick to offer our help.

One: Let us use all our gifts for the building up of the body of Christ.

All: Amen!

*HYMN #563

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Forgive us, Lord.

All: At times, Lord, we resort to aggression, violence and intolerance. At times we are the ones who cause pain in others. At times we watch and approve.

Forgive us for the hatred which divides nation from nation, ethnic group from ethnic group, class from class. Forgive us for our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugees.

One: Forgive us, Lord.

PRAYER HYMN (SUNG BY ALL)

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news. Christ is our peace.
He has united those who were separated.
He has broken down the wall of hostility.

All: **Through his death he has reconciled us with God.
He has proclaimed peace to those, who are far away,
and to those who are near.** (Eph. 2:14-17)

RESPONSE (SUNG BY ALL)

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand:
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

DECLARATION OF HOPE

Adeyinka Hamid

One: When we let freedom ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual, "Free at Last, Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last" (MLK)

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SUNG BY ALL)

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 62:1-3

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

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ANTHEM

"Nearer My God To Thee"

Chancel Choir

KING'S KIDS

"This Little Light of Mine"

CHILDREN'S CHAT

REFLECTING AND SHARING ON *What God Wants*

Rev. Bruce Calkins

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from an Indonesian Christian Creed)

One: We believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.

All: **We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from all forms of oppression.
We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in us and through us.**

One: We believe in the Community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people.

All: **We believe in God's promise finally to destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the Kingdom of justice and peace for all humankind.**

One: We do not believe in the right of the strongest nor the power of oppression.

All: We believe in human rights, in the solidarity of all people, in the power of non-violence.

One: We do not believe in racism, in the power that comes from wealth and privilege, or in any established order that enslaves.

All: We believe that all men and women are equally human, that order based on violence and injustice is not order.

One: We do not believe that war and hunger are inevitable and peace unattainable.

All: We believe in the beauty of simplicity, in love with open hands, in peace on earth.

One: We do not believe that suffering need be in vain, that death is the end, that the disfigurement of our world is what God intended.

All: But we dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in God's power to transform, fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish.

*HYMN

"We Shall Overcome"

(The most popular and powerful civil rights song of the 1960's)

1. ***We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome some-day —.
Oh — deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some-day.***
2. ***We shall all have peace ... some-day.***
3. ***We'll walk hand in hand ... today.***
4. ***We are not afraid ... today.***
5. ***God is on our side ... today.***

PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE TO PRAYER (#2193 IN *SING THE FAITH*) (SUNG BY ALL)

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... Our Father, 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.

OUR GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

*"Give Thanks" (#2036 in *Sing the Faith*)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

***And now, let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #439

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION "We Are Marching In The Light Of God" (part 2)

POSTLUDE