

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022 at 10'clock



We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

*Two Settings of Spirituals:
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Lay Your Hands on Us, Lord*

Joe Utterback

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

God said: "Give justice to the weak and the parentless child; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute."

God said: "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

God said: "I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Take away the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

from Psalm 82 and Amos 5

HYMN 631

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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INVOCATION

**God of justice,
we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires,
we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right.
Guided by your Spirit, we seek to enter into the creative work of social change –
to make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves.
Help us to be your witnesses, by working for better conditions in our communities,
by advocating steadfastly for the rights of workers, the poor, and the bereft – the rights
of those we judge worthy and also the unworthy poor,
so that we can recognize and welcome positive change in the world, with your help.
Help us to love each other, to love our neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend.
We pray for the partnership of your creative spirit as we enter into worship. Amen**

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lisa Abel

ANTHEM *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* Lloyd Larson
The First Church Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#) Jimmy Quinn

SERMON *King and "The Other America"* Michael Newheart

HYMN 628 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* [Click here to see hymn](#)
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our 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.

REMEMBERING LEMUEL HAYNES Earl Exum

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

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Offertory *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Charles Gabriel, arr. Jim Boratko
The First Church Choir, Jessica Berube, soloist

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

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

HYMN 630 *We Shall Overcome* [Click here to see hymn](#)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* Spiritual

POSTLUDE *Go Down, Moses* Joe Utterback