



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Martin Luther King Sunday

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 14, 2018

10:45 a.m.

*WORDS OF WELCOME – Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.  
Infant and childcare (through preschool) are provided all morning in the nursery, the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit. Children through the age of 4 may proceed to the childcare room following the “Moment with Faith Kids” for the remainder of the service.  
Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*The candle is lit as a symbol of our prayers for peace.*

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

### Prelude Meditation on My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Robert Hebble  
(b. 1934)

Vivian Slacum, *organ*

### Minute for Justice

Lauren Hill

\*Please, stand if you are able.

*Words in italics are from speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### \*Call to Worship

Chandra Jackson

One: Our Mother-Father God has made us to be one body with many members.

**All: United and uniting. This is our calling.**

One: God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

**All: United and uniting. This is our redemption.**

One: God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**All: United and uniting. This is our worship.**

One: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to *create the beloved community*.

### \*Hymn 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

### Prayer of Confession

Chandra Jackson

One: O God, we long to co-create with you the beloved community which looks to the common good; gives privileges to all equally, and creates societal systems which celebrate the humanity and the gifts of all. Yet we focus on our differences, envy each other's gifts, devalue manifestations of you, O God, that are not like our own.

Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice: we allow the voices of brothers and sisters who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. We have allowed them to wait for freedom, justice and equality. We foster in them *a denigrating sense of nobodiness*.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: Or perhaps we have kept silence ourselves in the face of struggle for full human life. *For it is not solely hateful words and actions, but also appalling silence that follows the path of oppression.*

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: Perhaps our sin is to give in to weariness, discouragement, and bitterness: you have called us to be *drum majors for justice, peace and righteousness*, yet the work of peace and justice overwhelms us at times. To build with God the Beloved Community seems impossible, and we grow weary.

We cry, "Peace, peace," but there is no peace within us or around us. We find ourselves on the path of hatred and oppression, violence and war.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence is observed.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Chandra Jackson

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God has promised: "I will not keep silent and I will not rest until the vindication of my beloved people shines out like the dawn and their salvation like a burning torch. My people shall no more be termed 'forsaken.' We remember that you have given your beloved people a new name: "My delight is in them."

**All: Thank you, God for delighting in us even now, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness, for empowering our work and inviting us once again to create with you the beloved community you long for.**

**\*Sung Response 841 God Is My Strong Salvation**

WEDLOCK



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.



Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;



what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Chandra Jackson

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**Moment with Faith Kids**

Rev. Burns

## Prayer for Illumination

Chandra Jackson

One: 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.

**All: *We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.***

One: You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love.

**All: 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.**

One: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## Lesson John 2: 1-11

Chandra Jackson

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Sermon

"Time's Up!"

Rev. Burns

\*Hymn 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Burns

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

## OFFERING

### Offertory Anthem Come! Live in the Light!

David Haas

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open you heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll wak with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

### Offering Prayer

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our  
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an offering.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an offering; we are an offering.

**TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME**

\*Hymn 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

\*Benediction

Rev. Burns

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.**

*The service concludes with the following postlude.*

**Postlude** *Siyahamba*  
 (We are marching)

arr. Vicki Collinsworth  
 Zulu Melody

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor**  
**Vivian Slacum, Instrumentalist**  
**Marilyn Valentine, Instrumentalist**  
**Chandra Jackson, Liturgist**  
**The Chancel Choir**

**FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Congregational Meeting** *following worship January 21*

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The 2018 budget will be presented and there will be a vote to change the pastor's terms of call. We prayerfully request that you attend. **Please bring a dessert to share.**

**Sunday Adult Forum** 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room

January theme is **Baltimore, Post Freddy Gray**

21<sup>st</sup> – Mayor's Program to Reduce Violence, Kerry Yerico

28<sup>th</sup> – Power of Peace, Rev. Michael Asbury Hunt

**Wednesday Bible Study:** 11:00 a.m. – Woodbourne Room, all are welcome. Join us for lively discussion on the upcoming Sunday lesson. No preparation is required.

**January 17** – No Class

**January 24** – John 3:1-21

**January 31** – John 4:1-42

**Book Club** *Monday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.*

At Pat & Jack Nesbitt's home, please come and enjoy a discussion of David McCullough's book *The Wright Brothers*.

**African Children's Choir Concert** *Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.*

St Matthews Catholic Church

The African Children's Choir is composed of African children, aged 7 to 10 years old. Many have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine and disease. They represent all the children of a continent. The children melt the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles and delightful African tunes, accompanied by ethnic instrumentation. The program features well-loved children's songs, hand clapping, traditional spirituals and contemporary tunes.

**Joys and Concerns** may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

**Please pray for our homebound members:**

Betty Bunce

Nancy Stutzer

Christian Dunyoh

Betty Lou Tampieri

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Dot Weller

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## Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2018	2019	2020
Ellsworth Jackson	Kay Ballard	Mike Billings
Pat Nesbitt	Andy Fuller	Scott Bissett
Judy Sperling	Neil Nemser	Bobby Hall
Krista Wallace	Randy Woodfield	Carl Herber

## Deacons

Dawn Shirey, Moderator

2018	2019	2020
Anna Burns	Ken Archie	Chandra Jackson
Gail Poorbaugh	Karen Burd	Susan Minor
Dawn Shirey	Mary Hodgson	
	Robin Nemser	

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