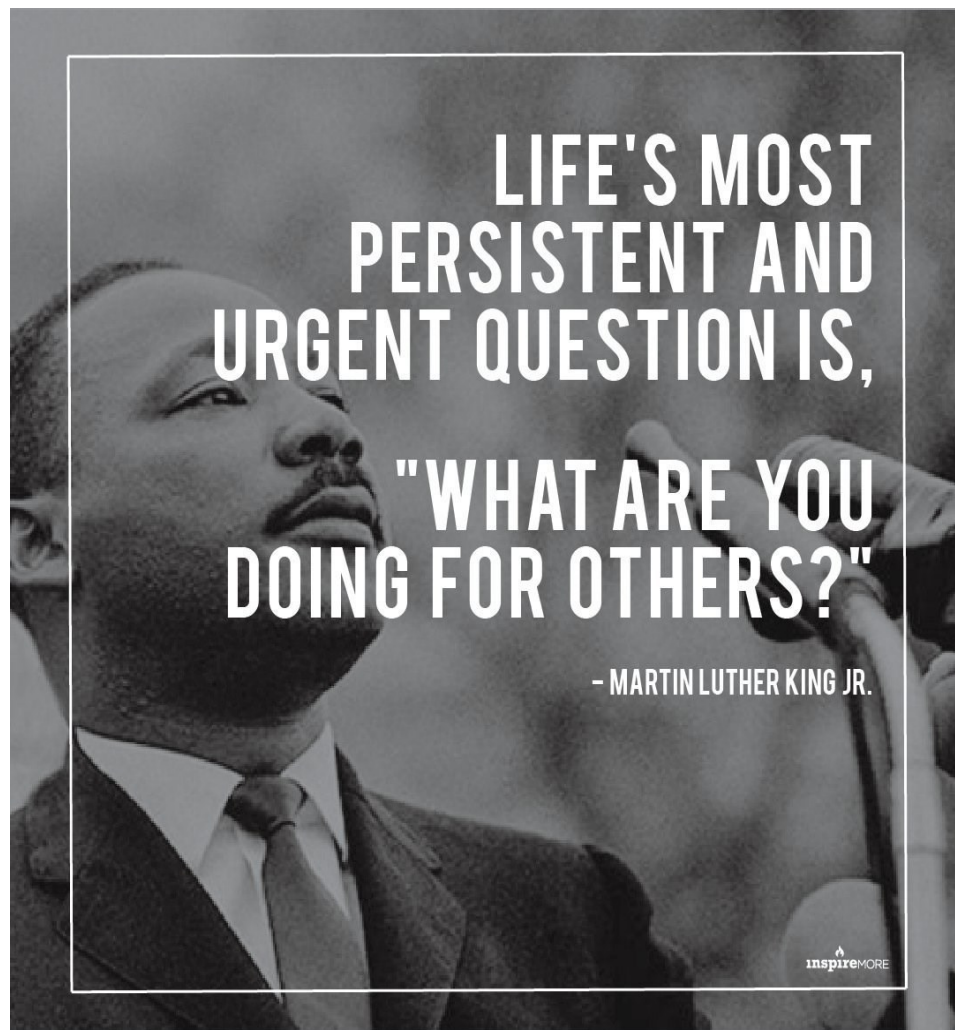


MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
Martin Luther King Sunday — January 15, 2023



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PRELUDE

In Unity Together
Jon Gaines, pianist

Graham Gaines

WORDS OF WELCOME & GATHERING VOICES

Rev. Pam Cochrane, Amy Brierley,
Gayla Bartlett, & Rev Douglas Vooyo

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

O God, we pray, transform our silence into action, our fear into courage.
O God, help us to love you and to love others as ourselves.
O God, remind us that you did not give us a spirit of fear.
O God, lead us to envision and struggle for a world where justice will roll
down like water, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***OPENING HYMN**

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Black No. 588

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)** *(adapted from a quote from Dorothy Day)*

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, what we would like to do is change the world –
make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves
as You intended them to do. Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better
conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor,
of the destitute – the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, so that we can,
with your help, change the world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our
neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend.
In your love O God, we receive the assurance of your grace.
In it may we have the courage to begin again each new day, sharing the forgiving
grace and love of God unabashedly and generously to all.

*In the name of Christ, who is the Way of justice and mercy, who taught us to pray,
saying...*

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 241

Spirit divine, attend our prayers
And make this world thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come!

ANTHEM *The First Song of Isaiah* (Isaiah 12: 2-6) Jack Noble White

Please join in singing as cued:

**Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pamela Cochran

GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFTS TO GOD

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the church. Collection boxes are located at both sanctuary entrances, on the church office door,
and the church mailbox outside the Chapel.*

OFFERTORY

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Thomas A Dorsey,
arr. Joel Raney

This favorite hymn of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is offered in his memory.

***DOXOLOGY**

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red No. 64

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:29-42 & Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible pg. 922; 629
Ed Rozmiarek

MESSAGE

"Seeking God Within"

Rev. Douglas Voos

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Black No. 573

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God the Omnipotent
Jon Gaines, pianist

Alexis F. Lvov

**Please stand as you are able*



Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering boxes.
We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors. No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!

*The altar flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
Elaine R. Leon
Given by Lynne & Alden Duffill*

Sunday's Servants:
Ushers: Bruce Billingham, Pam Perkins, & Betty Nash
Scripture Reader: Ed Rozmiarek

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