

FAITH
IS TAKING THE
FIRST STEP
EVEN WHEN YOU
DON'T SEE THE
WHOLE
STAIRCASE.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The Worship of God

Honoring the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 17, 2021

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Prelude

“Don’t Let Nobody Turn You ‘Round”

Traditional

Joslyn Henderson

Welcome

Sakina Dixon

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God’s love knows no bounds.

Call to Worship

Grant Dooley

ONE: God of the prophets, call to us today.

MANY: **Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

ONE: God of the poets, remind us again how much you love us.

MANY: **Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

ONE: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you.

MANY: **Teach us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

ONE: God of all creation, help us to know your ways.

MANY: **We gather to hear your call, to sing your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

Epistle Reading

James 2:8-12

Bennie Ward

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Hope

“Up to the Mountain”
by Patty Griffin
written in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Steve Gardner

Prayer of Confession

Martie Sauter

ONE: O God, we confess that the sin of prejudice distorts your plan for our lives. You created us in your divine likeness, diverse and beautiful. Your image is in every person and in every race.

MANY: **But too often we fail to recognize your image in all of your children. Forgive us.**

ONE: You created us to be free. Your possibility of justice is in every decision, every choice we make.

MANY: **But too often we fail to advocate for your justice for all. Forgive us.**

ONE: You created us to tend and share. Your seed of community is in every garden, every social structure, and every church.

MANY: **But too often we fail to create community which includes all and gives everyone equal access to your abundant life. Forgive us.**

ONE: Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil. Open our hearts to desire good over evil. Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil so that we may confess our sins.

*In the silence we meet God in prayer,
confessing our sins and receiving God's forgiveness.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sharlande Sledge

ONE: Hear the good news. God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives you and sets you free to live in community, beyond racial prejudice. God invites you to imagine justice and mercy for all. God's vision is a community where each one of God's children knows the gift of abundant life.

MANY: **Thanks be to God.**

Thoughts About Working Together

Rory Stonikinis and Peaches Henry

Congregational Song

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let 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.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Epistle Reading

Isaiah 32:1-8

Richard Groves

One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“By Noble Things the Noble Stand”
Richard Groves

Benediction

Richard Groves

Postlude

“They'll Know We Are Christians”
Peter Scholtes
Steve Gardner

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Parents' Gathering:
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Meeting ID: 325 188 0550
Passcode: Bishop5801

Thank you to two Lake Shore friends who led in worship today:
Dr. Peaches Henry, a member of Carver Park Baptist Church and president of the Waco chapter of the NAACP, and Joslyn Henderson, a recent graduate of both Truett Seminary and Baylor School of Church Music.