

Welcome to Bethel on this Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend! 9:30 AM/11:00 AM

Today, we remember the life and ministry of a modern day prophet. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. followed God's call and God used him to help change our country, as well as the world! His life was an inspiring testimony to what God can do through obedient and courageous disciples.

This morning, we are privileged to welcome nationally known vocalist, Jearlyn Steele to Bethel, as well as her 3-time Grammy winning brother, Billy Steele on the piano and vocals. May this worship service uplift you, challenge and inspire you in your faith! Thank you for being here with us today!

(* - Congregation please stand, as able)

Prelude Layton James

Opening Music Jearlyn & Billy Steele

The Welcome/Announcements

* Sharing God's Peace/Children's Message

* **Opening Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

1) **Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
let it resound, loud as the rolling sea!**

**Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won!**

2) **Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn, had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
come to the place, for which our parents sighed?**

We have come, over a way that with tears has been watered.

**We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered.
Out from a gloomy past, till now we stand at last,
where the white gleam, of our bright star is cast!**

3) **God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
keep us forever on the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet, stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land!**

* The Greeting:

L: May the God who created the world,
and fills it with life and love, be with you all!

P: **And also with you!**

* Today's Litany: (Taken from Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech)

L: I say to you today my friends, even though we face
the difficulties of today and tomorrow,
I still have a dream.

P: **I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up
and live out the true meaning of its creed,
that all people are created equal.**

L: I have a dream that one day people of all backgrounds
will be able to sit down together at the table of
brotherhood.

P: **I have a dream that one day this world
will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.**

L: I have a dream that little children will one day live in a
nation where they will not be judged by the color
of their skin, but by the content of their character.

P: **With this faith we shall be able to transform
the jangling discords of our nation
into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.**

All: **With this faith we will be able to work together,
to pray together, to struggle together,
knowing that we will all be free, one day!**

* The Prayer:

L: Our Gracious God...

P: **May this dream never die in us!
As your church, empower us to work towards
peace, justice, unity, and equality
for all people in this world.
In the name of Christ, our example, we pray. Amen!**

The Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-8

The Musical Offering: Jearlyn & Billy Steele

* The Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:22-23

The Message: "Undaunted Courage"
Pastor John Lestock

* The Offering Prayer:

L: Gracious and generous God...

P: **We give you these tithes and offerings,
recognizing that they are not ours to keep.
Use them to expand your kingdom and your work
here in our community, and throughout the world.
In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen!**

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

Offering Music: Jearlyn & Billy Steele

* The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord is with you.

P: **The Lord is with you, too!**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

* Breaking the Bread/Sharing the Wine

* The Lord's Prayer:

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. Amen.**

The Distribution:

*All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior
are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion,
regardless of church membership or denomination.
Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

Special Music: Jearlyn & Billy Steele

Song: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around" The Roots
New Song Band

Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me round,
Turn me round, turn me round,
Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me round,
I just keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching on to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me round, Lord,
Turn me round, turn me round,
Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me round,
I just keep on-a walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up on freedom land.

Ain't gonna let no jailhouse, turn me round,
Turn me round, turn me round,
Ain't gonna let no jailhouse, turn me round,
Oh, I, keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching on to freedom land.

I can't let segregation, turn me round,
Turn me round, turn me round,
Ain't gonna let segregation, turn me round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching on to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let no dogs, Lord, turn me round,
Turn me round, turn me round,
Ain't gonna let no dogs, Lord, turn me round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marchin on to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me round,
Turn me round, turn me round,
Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me round,
I just keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching on to freedom land.

* The Communion Blessing

* The Prayers of God's People:

L: Lord, in your mercy...

P: **Hear our prayer.**

* The Closing Blessing

"I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negroes great stumbling block in his stride towards freedom is not the White Citizens Councilor, or the Klu Klux Klanner, but the white moderate who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice."
~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

* Closing Hymn: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored,
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on!

(CHORUS:) Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! (x3)
His truth is marching on!

I have seen Him in the watchfires
of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar
in the evening dews and damps,
I can read his righteous sentence,
by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on! (CHORUS:)

He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat,
O be swift my soul to answer Him, be jubilant my feet,
Our God is marching on! (CHORUS:)

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in His bosom, that transfigures you and me!
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on! (CHORUS:)

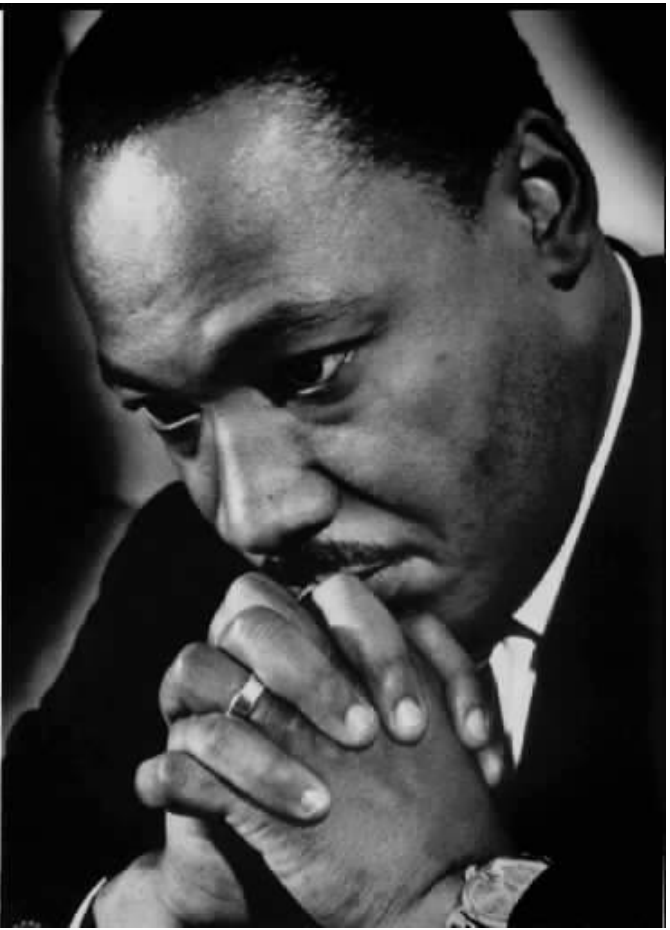
* The Sending:

L: Now go, to work for peace and justice!...

P: **We go, to live out the teachings of Jesus in our lives!**

Sending Music: "Lean On Me" Bill Withers
Jearlyn & Billy Steele along with the New Song Band

Preacher: Pastor John Lestock
Worship Leaders: Pastor Alicia Hilding
Music Director: Eric Possehl
Greeters: (9:30) Kathy Enerson, Deb Green, Ruth Lewis,
(11:00) Bonnie Knutson, Norma & Dick Newberg
Ushers: (11:00) Janet Lestock, Ken Larson,
Tom & Jackie Hugdahl, Ron & Nancy Langness
Communion Assistants: (11:00) Janet Lestock, Ken Larson,
Jon Hilding, Tom & Jackie Langness, Ron & Nancy Langness,
Trina Hilke, Liz Hilke Schmitt, Linda James,
Nursery Attendants: (9:30) Sarah Roach, Peyton Poling
Worship Support: (9:30) *Lowell Enerson, *Bobbe Henderson,
Diane Wolf, Matt Wolf, Peggy Wegscheid,
James & Michelle Kulzer, Elmer & Julie Neiderhauser,
Brian Ullom, Jane Betz, Deb Green, Kathy Enerson



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Joint Services

Sunday, January 17, 2016
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preaching Today: Pastor John Lestock

