

PEACE

JANUARY 17, 2021 10:30 AM

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

Dear Lord and Father of Us All

arr. James Biery
Robbie Jones, organist

WELCOME

Darren Mayberry Wright

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

To greet one another and let us know you are here, please click the 'like' or 'love' button. This will be your virtual hello and good morning! We begin worship by bringing in the light of Christ; we invite you to light a candle at home while we worship together, remembering Christ is with us. In the comments, share your joys and concerns, and prayers will be compiled from Facebook (please list only first names of those for whom you are requesting prayers).

PRELUDE

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

arr. J. Biery

†GREETING

This morning we remember dreams and dreamers.

Joseph, Jesus' father, dreamt about uncertainty. We, too, know the uncertainty of dreaming.

May we, like Joseph, respond in faith. Mary, Jesus' mother, dreamt about a child, a new beginning.

We, too, dream of new beginnings. May we, like Mary, respond in hope.

The Magi dreamt about going home by a different way. We, too, know how dreams can alter our plans.

May we, like the Magi, respond with our feet. There have been many dreams, many dreamers.

**Today we remember Martin Luther King, Jr., who dreamed of justice rolling down like the waters,
of a beloved community where all people find kinship, belonging, dignity and love.**

We, too, dream of justice and your beloved community.

May we, like Dr. King, respond with our voices, with our lives and in your love.¹

WITNESS

Val Jackson

†HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.**

Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.**

In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

†PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

O Healing River

text: Fran Minkoff/ tune: Fred Hellerman; arr. David Cherwein

O healing river, send down your waters send down your waters upon the land.
O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.
This land is thirsting, this land is parching, no seed is growing in the barren ground.
This land is thirsting, this land is parching, o healing river, send your waters down.
Let the seed of freedom, awake and flourish, let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
Let the seed of freedom, awake and flourish, proud leaves uncurling against the skies.
O healing river, send down your waters a send down your waters upon the land.
O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 5:24

Paul Purdue

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS

Nelia Kimbrough

RESPONSE

Come, Let Us Dream

John Middleton

**Come, let us dream God's dream again, come, one and all let us ascend
the mountain top where those of old saw God's new day on earth unfold.
The lame shall walk, the blind shall see, the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low. This is God's dream: let justice flow.**

WITNESS

Patricia and Yohannes Armstrong

RESPONSE

Come, Let Us Dream

John Middleton

**When hatred ends and war shall cease, so all may dwell in deepest peace,
then be assured the time is near when perfect love casts out all fear.**

WITNESS

Jerome Del Pino

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heather Harriss

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

And 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.

*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Mother", "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

OFFERING

Kate Fields

You may give online at belmontumc.org, text BELMONT to 73256 to give through text messaging, contact Emily Bowland (emily@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft, or mail your offering to the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

Come, Let Us Dream

John Middleton

**But know the cost of claiming sight of God's new day, of wrongs made right,
for some have paid the highest price, their lives for us a sacrifice.**

Prophets are scorned in their own lands and martyrs slain by righteous hands;
though dreamers die, the dream will live, for we have yet our lives to give.

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

**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.**

†BENEDICTION

**Add your voice. Move your feet. Extend your hands.
And because it just might hold on to that long arc of history like your lives depend on it.
And pull with as little or as much strength you have
so that together we might help it continue to bend in the direction of justice.
For you and for me. For us and for them. For all of the children of God.²**

†CHORAL BLESSING

O Healing River

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†POSTLUDE

Laudate Dominum

arr. J. Biery

+You are invited to stand as you are able.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS

Larry Strachan, soloist

Gayle Sullivan, accompanist/soloist

Larry Beasley, Jimmy Bowland, Cindy Caldwell, Mike Graves,
David Henry, Kate Henry, Marty McClearn, Bruce Williams, media team

¹MLK Day, Call to Worship — Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson

²Adapted from Paula L Corn "We Get There by Walking"

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