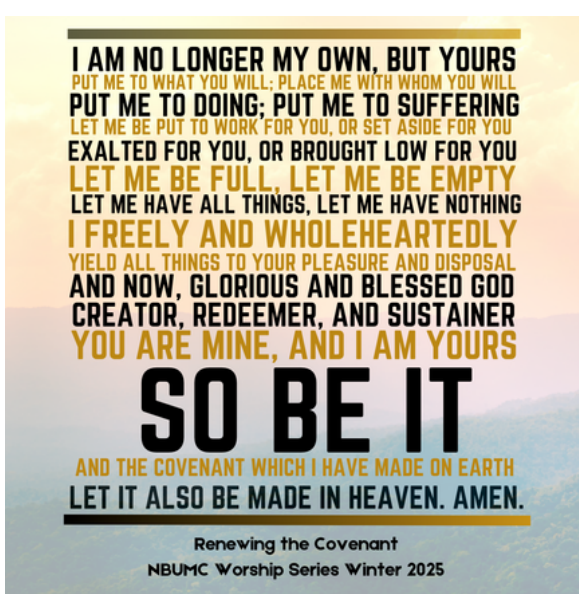


# North Bethesda United Methodist Church

January 19, 2025

MLK Sunday



Prelude

Simon Charette

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

John Welton

Siblings in Christ, rejoice: We live sustained by God's presence and love.

**Thanks be to God.**

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

**God weeps with us.**

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

**God give thanks with us.**

As we struggle for justice,

**God struggles with us.**

As we strive for peace,

**God strives with us.**

As we work to build the beloved community,

**God works with us.**

As we offer our gifts to all,

**God blesses us.**

Siblings in Christ, rejoice! Sustained by God's presence and love,

**we worship God.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

UMH 519

Word for All Ages

Anthem

"This Little Light of Mine" (Arr. Rollo Dilworth)

NBUMC Choir

Prayers of the People

Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS 2152

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-21  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John Welton

Message

“Let Me Be Put to Work for You, or Set Aside for You”

Rev. Kara

Offertory

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

\*Unison Prayer

**Spirit of Truth, by night and day you summon your slumbering people. So stir us with your voice, enlighten our lives with your grace, and wake us up. Receive these gifts, we pray, as symbols of our commitment to heed your call. We offer the best of what we have to you, in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.**

QR Code for  
Online  
Giving



\*Closing Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

TFWS 2153

Blessing & Postlude

\*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

*The Call to Worship is adapted with permission from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peacemaking Program and the Unison Prayer after the offering is adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers from the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.*

### Take Note!

- It’s not too late to join us tomorrow (MLK Day), for a Day of Service, in which we will honor the legacy of Dr. King by participating in acts of service and advocacy. There will be multiple projects set up in the Fellowship Hall, with something for people of all ages to do! You may sign up for a time shift and indicate your desired projects via the QR Code above.
- Our multi-church group study using a curriculum titled “Who Are We?” began last week and continues for the next five weeks. Drop in and join us! We will gather on Zoom on Tuesday evenings, from 7-8:15pm. Paper copies of the Participant Guide are available in the Narthex; email Rev. Kara if you need the Zoom link for the study.
- Registration for our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on February 17th (Presidents’ Day) is live! Use the QR Code to the right to choose a shift and register to join us as we partner with St. Mark Presbyterian Church to pack more than 25,000 meals for food-insecure communities.
- Our Youth Group for people in grades 6-12 will meet at Faith UMC from 5-7pm this evening. Coming up later this winter is a bowling trip and an opportunity to perform acts of service for members of our community/congregation members in February. Reach out to Suzanne Smedberg (ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com) for more information.
- Rev. Joye Jones will be offering Liturgist Training on February 16th and February 23rd. We particularly invite those who haven’t done it much and haven’t received any training; and those who have thought about being liturgist but aren’t sure. Those who just want a brush up are also very welcome. Please let Joye know by February 12th if you would like to attend (joyefulj@verizon.net).



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