

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday**  
**January 16, 2022**



**“Jesus Christ was an extremist for love, truth and goodness.”**

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Welcome to worship this morning. Please feel at home and free to be yourself here, whether you are a regular at our online worship services, a regular-guest, or a first-time guest.*

*We gather for worship every Sunday morning at 10:30 am, you are welcome to join us.*

*If you are interested to connect more, you can reach Pastor Julie at (301) 927-5508 or [office.Hopecp@gmail.com](mailto:office.Hopecp@gmail.com) .*



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## Gathering:

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Confession and Forgiveness (cont)

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

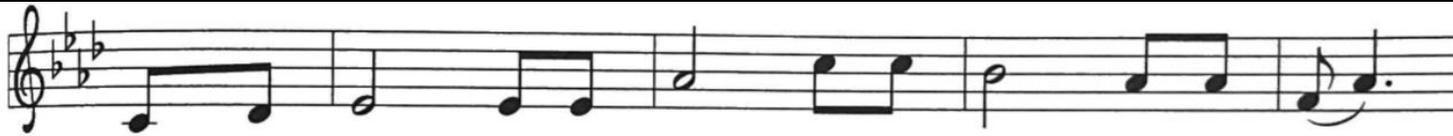
**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

## Confession and Forgiveness (cont)

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.  
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:  
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.  
**Amen.**

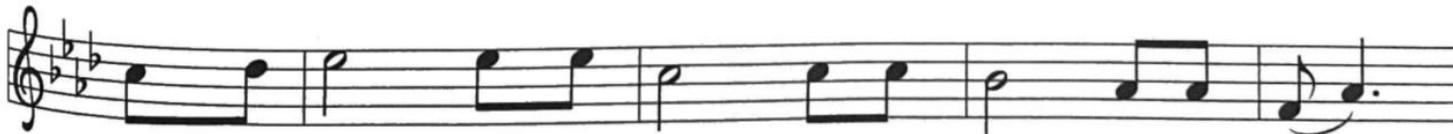
# Gathering Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD  
Irregular

*Leader.* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
preaching and song.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

## First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (cont)

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (cont)

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Leader:* Word of God, Word of Life.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

# Psalm 36:5-10

*(read responsively)*

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice  
like the great deep;  
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

## Psalm 36:5-10 (cont)

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup>Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (cont)

<sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Leader:* Word of God, Word of Life.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel according to John

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: John 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

## Gospel: John 2:1-11 (cont)

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of the Lord

***All: Praise to You, O Christ.***

## Sermon



“Jesus Christ was an extremist for love, truth and goodness.”

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# Hymn 333: Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



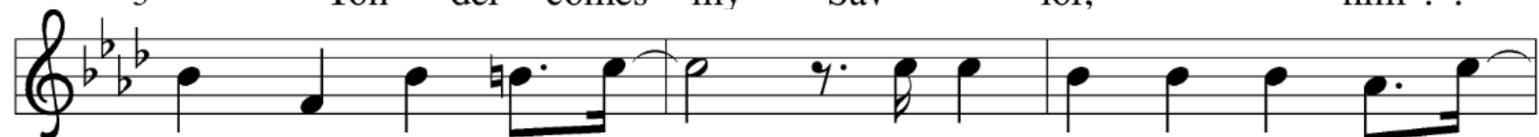
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.



- 1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
- 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .
- 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

# Nicene Creed

With comments from Dr. Martin Luther King

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

*“We believe also in a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. “*

## Nicene Creed (cont) With comments from Dr. Martin Luther King

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, with one being in the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

*“We believe also in a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all people are created equal.”*

## Nicene Creed (cont) With comments from Dr. Martin Luther King

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in a holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

*“We believe also that with this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.*

*With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of kinship.*

*With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.”*

**Nicene Creed (cont)** With comments from Dr. Martin Luther King

*“When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: “Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”.*

- You are invited to add prayers in the chat box.
- To honor individual privacy, please use first names only.
- You will be led in a series of prayer petitions; respond to each petition, which ends “*God of grace,*” with the response: “**hear our prayer.**”

## Prayers of the People

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day (especially). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(With the assisting minister, please pray out loud the first name of each person for whom we pray.)*

We pray for those who have requested ongoing prayer:

**John Henry**

**Dolores**

**Seamus** and family *(nephew of Rick)*

**Joan** *(pronounced Jo-Ann)*

**Daphne**

**Marilyn**

**Lauren**

**Terry** and **Ned** *(friends of Chuck and Liz)*

*[pause]*

And for those who have requested prayers of support or thanksgiving:

Trudy (*friend of Pat*)

Amanda, for healing from a serious illness

Pastor Beth

Carol

Rick

Joan (*Beth's mother-in-law*)

Liz

Susanne (*pronounced Suzanna*) (*Karin's mother*)

Jytte (*pronounced YOU-ta*) (*Karin's grandmother*)

Betsy (*Katie's mother*)

Katie, as she prepares for seminary

Greg, who is in poor health

Steven, Rose's son during his health challenges.

and those we name silently or aloud [...pause...]

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

*Leader:* The Peace of Christ be with you always.

***All:* And also with you.**

*At this time, we invite you to take a moment and text one or two people a word of peace.*

# Offering

Your generosity helps us continue to be the Body of Christ in and for the world. As we continue to seek ways to be faithful and look for opportunities to serve our neighbors, we encourage you to be faithful in your giving.



*Supporting the mission of Hope has never been more convenient! You may Text 844-904-1808. (you must register the first time and type in the amount of your donation in the message box.) You may mail checks to Hope or give online at [www.hopecp.org](http://www.hopecp.org). Look on the top red toolbar for the word "Donate."*

# Offering Music

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray together:

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

# The Lord's Prayer

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

# Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

## Benediction

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn 310: Song of Thankfulness and Praise



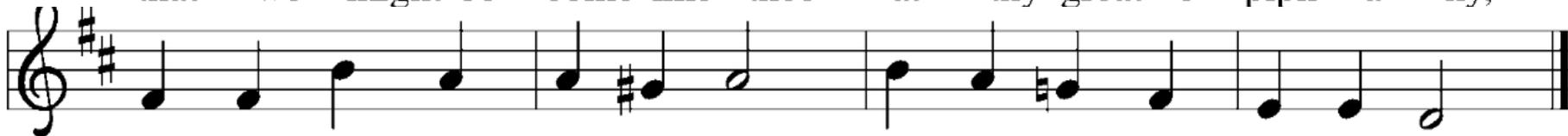
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest.

## Dismissal

*Leader:* Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

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***All:* Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

**Sharing a Meal:** Tuesday, **January 18**, join others as we serve a meal for about 30 of our neighbors in need at the PG County Day Center at 6800 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville MD. We'll serve a hot lunch; details still developing. We are looking for several in-person volunteers from about noon-3pm. Contact Joan at [vze27t5t@verizon.net](mailto:vze27t5t@verizon.net) for more information. (*Subject to change as Covid numbers change.*)

**Food Donations always welcome:** You can **always** drop non-perishable food off at Hope. There is a wooden box in the entryway. Pat takes the food to the College Park Community Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

**Refugee Resettlement:** Hope is welcoming and supporting a newly arrived family of 12 people - a married couple and their 10 children, ranging in age from 2-19 years old. Thanks to all of you who have helped the family get beds, sheets and pillows, a fully stocked kitchen, curtains, car seats, radios , warm coats and shoes. We are currently seeking financial donations to meet all the needs of 12 people. Contact Mary directly if you want to be involved and hear about current needs - [mary.e.boyer@gmail.com](mailto:mary.e.boyer@gmail.com) or 202-509-7991. And you can send a check to Hope with "Refugee Resettlement" in the memo line. Or give online, selecting "Refugee Resettlement Fund" in the drop-down menu on Hope's website (<https://Hopecp.org/donate.html>)

## What's Happening at Hope

### Looking Ahead

Wednesday, January 19, 7:30pm, Hope Council Meeting (contact information shared with council)

Sunday, January 23, 10:30am Hope online worship

Sunday, January 23, 4-7:30pm Hope provides dinner for Humble Walk student worship

Sunday, January 30, 1:30pm Congregational Meeting by zoom

Stay abreast of Hope's plans and meetings on the website. Subscribe to the newsletter to have information delivered to your mailbox! [www.hopecp.org](http://www.hopecp.org)

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