

November's Worship Theme: Generosity

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Speaker:

Mohamed Alsadig: Executive Director of Greater Mankato Diversity Council

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Preservice Music: CD Playing for Change

#5 Don't Worry

#6 Talkin' Bout a Revolution

Welcome and Announcements:

Greeting you neighbor:

Singing Bowl:

Chalice Lighting:

Call to Worship

This morning we will remember Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visited Mankato, Minnesota in November of 1961. He visited Mankato as part of the Third Annual Lectureship for the Wesley Foundation, a Mankato State College religious student organization and he spoke at Centenary Methodist Church, and also gave a speech at Mankato High School, which is now Mankato West High School. And we will learn how the Greater Mankato Diversity Council continues the work Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged us to do the ongoing work of creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.

Opening Hymn: "We Shall Overcome" is not in our hymnals but the **words are on the screen**. Martin Luther King, Jr. called this the anthem of the Civil Rights Movement. Please rise in body or spirit and join in singing as Nancy plays the piano for us.

(Slides)

We shall overcome.

We shall overcome.

We shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We shall overcome someday.

We are not alone.

We are not alone.

We are not alone today.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We are not alone today.

Truth will make us free.

Truth will make us free.

Truth will make us free someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand.

We'll walk hand in hand.

We'll walk hand in hand someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We shall overcome someday.

(Slides)

Story: Our Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth will share a story for all of us.

Sometimes We March

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

(Slide)

Hymn: Comfort Me Share my Joy

The Offering

As the offering is collected we'll listen to another well-known Civil Rights anthem that Sam Cooke wrote. He was moved by the March on Washington in August 1963, but it was an experience that October – when Cooke and his entourage were turned away from a whites-only Holiday Inn in Shreveport, Louisiana, despite having reservations – that directly triggered him to write "A Change is Gonna Come,"

(You Tube with song and video Slide)

Offering Music: "A Change is Gonna Come"

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Reading:

Speaker:

Closing Hymn:

We will sing "If I had a Hammer" with Peter, Paul, and Mary who helped it become an anthem of the Civil Rights Movement. They were asked to perform the song in 1963 at the March on Washington. **The lyrics will be on the screen.** Please rise in body or spirit and join in singing "If I had a Hammer."

(You Tube only sound and Slides for lyrics)

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(Slides)

[Verse 1]

If I had a hammer

I'd hammer in the morning

I'd hammer in the evening

All over this land

I'd hammer out danger

I'd hammer out a warning

I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters

All over this land, ooh

[Verse 2]

If I had a bell

I'd ring it in the morning

I'd ring it in the evening

All over this land

I'd ring out danger

I'd ring out a warning

I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters

All over this land, ooh

[Verse 3]

If I had a song

I'd sing it in the morning

I'd sing it in the evening

All over this land

I'd sing out danger

I'd sing out a warning

I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters

All over this land, ooh

Well I got a hammer

And I got a bell

And I got a song to sing

All over this land.

(2X)

It's the hammer of justice

It's the bell of freedom

It's the song about love

Between my brothers and my sisters

All over this land

Chalice Extinguishing:

Benediction

(Slide)

Singing Benediction: "Longtime Sun" Sung 2X