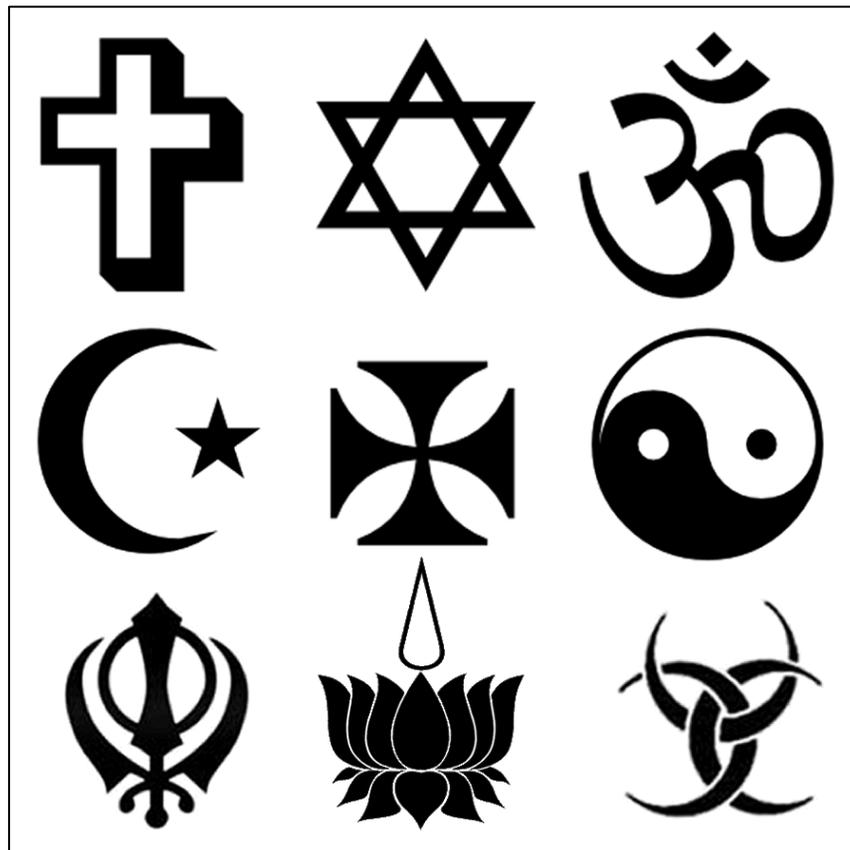


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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

January 14, 2018

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

-from Psalms 95:6-7 and 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

One: Come, let us worship and bow down together,
let us kneel together before the Lord, our maker.

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

***Hymn #409** *“God is Here!”*

***Prayer of Confession:**

One: We cannot come before God unless we are honest with ourselves about who we are and the mistakes we have made. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God in the presence of one another, saying:

**All: O God of grace, your creation shares one hope,
one faith, one calling.
Your will is that all of your people should live together
in unity and peace.
Too often, in our fear and misunderstanding,
we have fled from and fought with one another.
Forgive us and reconcile us.
Confront us with the hidden prejudices and fears
that deny and betray our prayers.
Enable us to see the causes of strife in our world.
Remove from us any sense of superiority or dominance.
Teach us to grow in unity with all your children.
Help us to commit ourselves again
to showing the unity which you intended for us.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon** - *based on 1 Peter 2:9-10*

One: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may
proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.

One: Once you were not a people,

All: But now we are God's people;

One: Once you had not received mercy,

All: But now we have received mercy.

Together, all of us have received God's mercy in Christ.

One: In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,
and made to be a community united in faith.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Celebration of Our Pardon

Hymn #318 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

verse 1

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*The Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God’s reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Luke 10:25-37

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Loving God and Loving Neighbor”

The Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

*Hymn #754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Affirmation of Faith

- from *“The Brief Statement of Faith”*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
And sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
To witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
To unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
To hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
Amen**

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #318 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* verse 1

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

***Offertory Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn #756**

“O God of Every Nation”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #765 *“May the God of Hope Go With Us”*

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.