

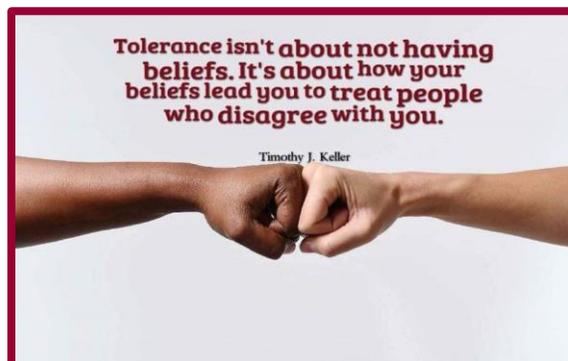
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND**

**Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor**

**Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Viv**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**From Psalm 36**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**HYMN #519**

**“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

1. 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

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod  
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died  
 Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet  
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered  
 We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered  
 Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last  
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears  
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way  
 Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light  
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee  
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee  
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand  
 True to our God, true to our native land our native land

#### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE WRITINGS OF DR. KING**

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.

I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.

I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.

I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.

I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.

This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.

I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**John 2: 1-11**

**Doug Wallace , Reader**

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. <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.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Maxine Alstrom, Piano**

**MESSAGE THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS: THE FIRST SIGN REVEALED!**

*"But you have kept the good wine until now." V.10b*

**THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS OF OUR HEARTS AND OUR GIFTS**

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**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!**

**THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor Karen**

**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**

**HYMN #560**

**"Help Us Accept Each Other"**

- 1** Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.
- 2** Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
- 3** Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love, to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.
- 4** Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

**BENEDICTION**

Let us pray for wisdom and peace as we pursue justice, hope, and love for all people.

**And what does God require of us?**

**To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE****CALENDAR**

**Monday, January 17**

10 AM ZOOM Prayer/ Discussion Group

**Tuesday, January 18**

7 PM ZOOM Combined Finance/ Trustees Meeting