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“If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective.”

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Christmas sermon, Atlanta, Georgia, 1967.
From the South Wall of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.



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Welcome Visitors! We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today, all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

I. Prelude (Joshua Hegg)

II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Bible Study Thursday at 7:00
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday
- Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

III. Opening Hymn – CH #673 “Down by the Riverside”

Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Gonna study war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more

Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Gonna study war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna
study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more.

IV. Call to Worship – (Joe Rogers)

O God, the only source of life and energy and
wealth,
defend our planet earth.
Teach us to conserve and not to squander the
riches of nature
To use aright the heritage of former
generations
and to plan for the welfare of children's
children
Renew our wonder, awaken our concern,
and make us better stewards and more
careful tenants
of the world you lend us as our home.
Hear us, O Lord, our creator and redeemer
in the name of Christ.

V. Laughing Bird Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
(Joe Rogers)

You have taken a good hard look at me,
LORD,
 and you know exactly what makes me
tick.

You know when I've got my feet up and
when I'm on the job;
 you can read my mind like an open
book.

You see where I am going and where I stop,
 and you know all about what I do and
why.

You know exactly what I am going to say,
LORD,
 even before I open my mouth.

You are in front of me, behind me, beside
me;
 your hand on my shoulder at every turn.

All this is more than I can get my head around;
 I pinch myself, and struggle to take it in.

It was you who put me together, every part of
me;
 you knit me together in my mother's
womb.

I sing your praises, LORD,
 for the the way you have made me fills me
with awe.
Your creative works blow my mind;
 too wonderful for words.

You could see me clearly before I was born;
 you watched me taking shape in the secret
depths
 and laid out the intricacies of nerve
and muscle.

You kept your eye on me
 from conception to birth.
My life lay before you like an open book
 before I had even lived a day.

Your thoughts are way beyond my grasp,
God,
and they add up to more than I can
count.
Deeper than the oceans,
outnumbering the grains of sand;
I give up trying
but you are with me just the same.

VI. John 1:43-51 NRSV – (Mary Kearns)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered,

‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you,^{*} you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

VII. Sermon - “Good News for Who?” (Pastor Jesse)

VIII. Song of Reflection CH #668 “For the Healing of the Nations”

For the healing of the nations God we pray
with one accord
For a just and equal sharing of the things that
earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and
pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair
your world release
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all
may come and go in peace
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the
earth be banned
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas
that obscure your plan
In our common quest for justice may we
hallow life's brief span
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great
name on human-kind
for our growing in your likeness bring the
life of Christ to mind
That by our response and service earth its
destiny may find
Earth its destiny may find.

IX. Moment for Mission – (Surprise)

X. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #424 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table Alelu
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table Alelu

I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus Alelu
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus Alelu

I’m gonna join with my sisters and brothers
I’m gonna join with my sisters and brothers
Alelu
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Alelu

XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Georgia Nelson and Bill Peterson)

XIII. Blessing/Benediction

XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)

XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.

Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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Calendar

January 17th-24th, 2021

This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Monday—Church Office closed in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.-Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)

2:00 p.m.-WICS (Women in Christian Service), following Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)

7:00 p.m.-Elders Meeting, [Zoom](#)

Thursday

7:00 p.m.-Bible Study, [Zoom](#)
[Study Questions on website](#)

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m.-Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

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