

CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

There Is a Balm in Gilead ... Hal Hopson

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: We gather to worship God,

People: who creates us and loves us;

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

People: who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

People: to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

Leader: We gather to worship God,

People: to God be all glory, honor, and praise!

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Blessing and Honor

No. 147

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to do justice, and our willingness to defer the hopes and dreams of those at the margins. We have refused your call to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with you. We fail to create a just society, and instead assure our own private comfort. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. Let us listen to the mandate in our scriptures and take action sooner rather than later. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading · Shari Plunkett

Psalm 62:5-12 (pg. 898)

 **Anthem · Chancel Choir**

Come to Me, All Who Labor ... John Purifoy

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist
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Scripture Reading


Mark 1:4-20 (pg. 1551)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

“Living in Kairos Time”



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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- *  **Hymn of Response · Christ Be With Us**
See Insert.

Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- *  **Closing Hymn · Here I Am, Lord**
No. 525
- * **Benediction**
- *  **Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

 **Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter**
Thy Strong Word ... Stephen Weber