

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

January 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Master, the Tempest Is Raging* arr. Terri Hutchings

GREETING & CENTERING

WELCOMING THE LIGHT INTO OUR MIDST

(Congregation sings “*Come and Find the Quiet Center*”)

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader and People)

One: God of our dreams, we remember how you spoke into the
darkness and created light through those dreams and faithful
voices.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We remember the ways you have delivered your people
through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right
up until this present moment.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: You have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and
Love leading toward a beloved community where all are
equally seen and radically loved.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We gather today remembering your radical love for all of us
and the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you
and our neighbors.

**All: And so, we together dream the impossible and we are on the
move with our God. Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*” UMC #519

LIFE & WORK OF FREMONT FIRST CHURCH

(A time for announcements and passing the peace of Christ.)

Community Prayer

God of our silent tears and God of our Hope, we invite your presence into our midst as we remember and pray for those who are suffering illness, loneliness, significant losses in their lives and those who are experiencing injustice. May God's comfort bring healing and new hope, and your love guide us to see one another as fully human and God's beloved children.

(please add your own prayers)

Go.Sow.Grow. 2022 Conference Prayer Initiative Common Prayer:

This morning, we pray for New Church Start: Mountain View Front Porch ministry...

"Not by might, nor by power, but by your Spirit, Lord," we stand united in prayer for the churches of the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

Pour out your blessings upon our conference, your fruitfulness to our new churches, and your vitality to every congregation in our connection.

Humbly, we **Go** into your presence, passionately and fervently seeking your face. Prayerfully, we **Sow** our hopes and dreams for the church, Front Porch in Mountain View. Expectantly, we desire the Body of Christ may **Grow** into your likeness in a world that so desperately needs you. Bring health and growth both spiritually and, by your grace numerically as we spread the love of Jesus to all of God's children.

In Jesus' name we pray

SCRIPTURE READING

Mere Pene

Psalm 82:3

Isaiah 1:17

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The Dream"

Micheal Pope

Lay Leader of the California-Nevada Conference

HYMN

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

TFWS #2174

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

REFLECTION (Silence)

OFFERTORY *The Reason Why We Sing* Kirk Franklin

* DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMC #95

* HYMN *“We Shall Overcome”* UMC #533

BENEDICTION

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE *I've Decided to Make Jesus My Choice* Harrison Johnson

FELLOWSHIP

(* You are invited to stand)

WORSHIP LEADER	Pastor Youngmi J
MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST	Brent P
SONG LEADER	Brent P
SCRIPTURE READER	Mere P
USHERS	Bob & Jeanne D
TECH TEAM	Paul F, Pete Z, Roberta M, Mark C

*Today's altar flowers are given by Doris & Doug G in memory of
Merlyn G who went home for Christmas.
Merlyn passed away on Christmas eve.*