

# Faith in Action Sunday

January 14, 2018

## Musical preparation for worship

Robert

## Welcome

Nolan

## Call to Worship

**P: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.**

L: We need not look up to find God. We need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

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## Dreams & nightmares

### Litany of response

One: We come, God of the Journey, a people from different places, different histories, different lifestyles.

**All: We come hoping to find companionship for the journey, solidarity for the struggle.**

One: We gather, God of Hospitality, around your welcome table-- a table not yet round, but rounding.

**All: We gather seeking to become a 'round-table people'- welcoming of all,**

**with no preferred seating, no firsts and no lasts, ....and no corners for the least of these**

One: We yearn, God of the Rainbow, for a new way of living and relating... as neighbors not strangers, as brothers and sisters not 'them and us'.

**All: We yearn to live fully celebrating both the diversity of our human family,**

**and the unity of our call to love and justice.**

One: We hunger, God of Abundant Life, for lives that have meaning and integrity, and for relationships grounded in mutuality and respect.

**All: We thirst for places to bring our doubts, our fears; places to express honestly who we are. We thirst for hope and encouragement as we struggle to follow Jesus in the way of life-risking love.**

One: With the gift of your grace we are nourished.

**All: With the promise of your presence may we be strengthened to be faithful.**

Amen.

**Hymn SJ#4 "You've got a place" [sing v. 1 twice]**

**Scripture** Mark 15:1-2

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so."

**"Any Negro who teaches Negroes to turn the other cheek in the face of attack is disarming that Negro of his God-given right, of his moral right, of his natural right, of his intelligent right to defend himself." -Malcolm X**

**Sermon** "By Any Means Necessary"

Ben Tapper

**Time of Silence**

**Response Hymn SJ#65 "Let justice flow like streams"**

**Congregational prayer**

Bob Brown

**Offering & song** #95 "Praise God, the Source of life"

**Announcements**

**Blessing & Postlude**

### Faith Actions following worship

**Worship with Witherspoon Presbyterian:** Join our neighbor church, at 5136 North Michigan Road, a predominantly African American church to hear new voices as they also remember and honor Dr. King. Worship at Witherspoon begins at 10:30 and normally lasts

90 minutes. **Leaving together from main door following worship**

**Restorative Justice 101:** Learn the basics of this mediation tool as a justice practice. Led by April Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **Location: sanctuary**

**Justice Reading Corner:** An intergenerational space where children's books can be enjoyed by all ages and groups partner to find photographic images around the themes of justice and service. **Location: middle classrooms**

**Weaving Together:** Join other hands in quilting our justice banner.

**Location: fellowship hall**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Pray for Ron and Marty in the death of Colleen on Saturday, January 6. Celebration of Life service will be on Saturday, January 20, 3:00 p.m., Westview Christian Church, 5925 West 34th. There is a card in fellowship hall to sign for Ron and Marty.
- Pray for Falguni having thyroid surgery tomorrow, January 15.
- Pray for Addie who suffered a broken her leg recently.
- Pray for comfort for LuEtta's brother, Ron, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Treatment plan is under consideration.
- Pray for Mennonite Mission Network missionaries Peter and Delicia Wigginton. Baby Ariana is having small seizures and being evaluated by specialists in Quito, Ecuador.

**Women's brunch and MCC sewing activity**, Saturday, January 20, 9-11 a.m.

**These prayer requests were not included in the bulletin this week, but will be put back the following week.**

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- Pray for neighbors of Leslie, Mohammed and NeNe and their five children, dealing with immigration issues.
- Pray for Erin who is struggling with severe anxiety. While there has been improvement, there are still concerns. Pray for both Erin and Mike as they work through this.
- Pray for Leslie as she continues to recover at home and receive therapy on a regular basis.

*Please note that all prayer requests should be given to one of the pastors by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. For Sunday morning additions, please speak to the person doing the congregational prayer before worship.*

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