"I have a dream"

Martin Luther King, Jr.
1929-1968

January 19, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2014 10:00 AM

PRAISE AND WORSHIP  Sharing the Dream Band

WORDS OF WELCOME  The Rev. Martin B. Copenhaver
The Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.

CALL TO WORSHIP  Audra Teague Mackey

HYMN OF PRAISE  “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; Crown thine ancient church’s story; Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore. Amen.

INVOCATION  The Rev. Marcus McCullough
INVOCATION RESPONSE  “I Feel Like Going On”

I feel like going on
I feel like going on.
Though trials come on every hand
I feel like going on.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST  “The Glory of the Lord”

Let the Glory of the Lord rise upon us
Let the Glory of the Lord rise upon us
Let the praises to our King rise upon us
Let it rise
O, Let it rise

Let the shout of the Lord rise upon us
Let the shout of the Lord rise upon us
Let it rise
O, Let it rise

SERVICE OF BAPTISM
Invitation
The Covenant Promises
  Of the Candidate
  Of the Parents
  Of the Godparents
  Of the Congregation
Deacon: Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to these children who are about to be baptized?

Congregation:  We will, with the help of God. Through this act we welcome these children into the fellowship of Christ’s church and invite them to share with us the cost and joy of discipleship. We promise to receive them as fellow pilgrims on the Christian way, to guide them by our precepts and example, that all of us may grow in the knowledge and love of God, according to the measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen.
Pouring of the Water
Prayer of Blessing
The Act of Baptism
Congregational Response
   We thank you, God, for Hannah Marie Grupposo, bless her and keep her now and forever.
   We thank you, God, for Natalie Corinne Head, bless her and keep her now and forever.
   We thank you, God, for Parker Gavin MacFarlane, bless him and keep him now and forever.

Prayers of the Baptized
Congregation:  God of our fathers and mothers, and our God, we thank you for your children, and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and spirit. Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend these new members of the body of Christ. Give to the newly baptized strength for life’s journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom to love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Benediction
   Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.
   Congregation:  Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF THE DREAM SHARER AWARD

SCRIPTURE   Luke 2:41-52    (page 833, in the pew Bible)
             The Rev. John Allen

CHORAL SELECTION  “I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee”   Rossini
                   Kimberly Leeds, soloist; Sharing the Dream Choir

SERMON  “Your Sharing Grows”
        The Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.

SPIRITUAL  “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”    Rick Founds
           “Give Us Hope”    James Papoulis
                   Sharing the Dream Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE   Psalm 96    (page 479, in the pew Bible)
            The Rev. Makeeda Brooks
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life. Amen.
HYMN OF CELEBRATION  “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring;
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; let our rejoicing rise,
high as the list’ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of 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.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod,
felt in the day 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.

(Sing Softly)
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God who has by thy might, led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

(Sing Aloud)
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God; True to our native land.

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION
We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome someday.
We are not afraid…
We’ll walk hand in hand...
God is on our side…
SONG PAGE

OFFERING SONGS:

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

Refrain
We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in His holy word, He’s never failed me yet.
Oh can’t turnaround, We’ve come this far by faith.

Don’t be discouraged when trouble’s in your life,
He’ll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.
That’s why we’ve…

Just the other day I heard someone say He didn’t believe in God’s word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way, and He’s never failed me yet.
That’s why we’ve...

“How Great is Our God”

How great is our God
Sing with me how great is our God
All will see how great
How great is our God

You’re the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing how great
How great is our God

Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way”

Jesus, You brought me all of the way.
You carried my burdens every day.
Your are such a wonderful Savior
I’ve never known You to fail me yet.
And You brought me...Thank God all of the way (4x)
Jesus, You brought me all of the way.
TODAY’S NOTES

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

Natalie Corinne Head, born on November 2, 2012, in Newton, MA, daughter of Katherine and Daniel Head. Village Church member Mary Ann Head is Natalie’s grandmother.

Parker Gavin MacFarlane, born on October 18, 2013, in Milton, MA, son of Monica Lordelo MacFarlane and Scott Edward MacFarlane. Parker’s godparents are Heather Catherine MacFarlane and Nicole Lordelo. Village Church members Scott and Cathy MacFarlane are Parker’s grandparents, and Heather MacFarlane is Parker’s aunt.

Baptismal Blankets  We thank the Prayer Shawl knitters for the gift of the baptismal blankets that are given to the newly baptized children today.

Pastoral Care  If you have any pastoral needs or know of any in the Village Church family, please call Diane Anderson at 781.235.1988 x14.

Care Kits  If during the worship service you find you need a tissue, cough drop, or a drink of water, please ask an Usher to help you.

Hearing devices  amplify sound anywhere in the Sanctuary. They are available at the back of the church. For assistance, please speak with an Usher.

The Chancel flowers this morning are given by Anne Reece to celebrate the anniversary of her parents’ wedding in Llandudno, North Wales, January 20, 1942.

Fellowship Hour  Following worship, please join us in Village Hall for brunch and fellowship. Providing hospitality today are members of the Community Ministry. Please take a moment to thank them.

Middle School Youth Group  No meeting tonight.
High School Youth Group  No meeting tonight.
For information about youth programs, contact Pam Emslie at 781.235.1988 x15 or pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.
Church Office  Monday, January 20
The Church Office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Winter Outing
Would you like to ski, or snowshoe, hike, play games, hang out, with a groups of members and friends staying at the Campton Hollow Ski House near Waterville Valley? Men and women are invited. Possible times are January 20-22 and February 3-5. Arrive on Monday in time for dinner and leave on Wednesday when your legs give out. Cost for the 2 nights and 6 meals will be about $60. Bring your beverage of choice for cocktail hour. Bring your sleeping bag and a pillow slip. Pillows and comfortable beds are provided. Call or email David Oliver (617-964-2529; dgoliver@aol.com) regarding your interest, questions, and date preference.

Photos for Online Directory
Immediately before and immediately following the Annual Meeting on January 26, members of the Sharing Ministry will be available in the Village Common Lobby to take your picture for our online directory. In anticipation of our new pastors, we would like to have an up to date directory of church members. The directory is in a members-only area of our website and is available only those in our church community. If you have not already done so, please sign in to the members area and create your password. Directions for signing in for the first time can be accessed on the Members Area Page of the website. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Kibbe.

Deacons’ Retreat  Saturday, February 1, 8:30-11:30 am
All new and returning Deacons should plan on participating in this retreat.

Youth Choir Rehearsal  Wednesday, January 22, 6:15 pm, Youth Choir Room
For information, email Kevin McDonald at mcdonaldkevin23@yahoo.com.

Chancel Flowers Sponsors for 2014  Upcoming available dates: February 2, 9 and 16
If you would like to sponsor flowers in celebration of an event or in memory of a person/s in your life, contact Felicia Nadel at 781.235.1988 x21 or Linda Smith at 781.237.6813. The cost of the flowers is $75. Thank you!

Annual Meeting and Lunch  Sunday, January 26, Village Common
Lunch reservations by Tuesday, January 21
The Annual Meeting will begin at 11:45 am, preceded by lunch ($12/person) which will be served in Village Common following 10 am worship. Please make your lunch reservations by noon, Tuesday, January 21, by contacting Erin Donato at 781.235.1988 x11 or by email at erin@wellesleyvillagechurch.org. For children of all ages, there will be a supervised movie and lunch (pizza and popcorn) in Village Hall.
Children’s Programs

5 years old and younger:
- 2 and 3 year old classroom is located on the upper floor at the top of the Village Common entrance stairwell.
- 4 and 5 year old classroom is located on the upper floor past the library.

Children should be picked up promptly at the conclusion of worship.

Children first grade and older are invited to remain in Worship with their parents. Activity bags and children’s bulletins are available at the entrances.

Family Spaces Available

- The Infant Room is located on the main floor just outside the Sanctuary to the left of the Chancel. Worship is on a live feed and can be heard in this room.
- The Parent’s Resource Room has seating, toys, changing table. Worship is on a live feed and can be heard in this room. This room is located upstairs beyond the library.
- Parlor on the first floor.

The Annual Meeting of Wellesley Congregational Church

is hereby called for
Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 11:45 am in Village Common
for the following purposes:

A. To receive annual reports;
B. To take action on the Wellesley Congregational Church budget for 2014:
   1. Review of 2013 actual income and expenses;
   2. Presentation of and action on, the proposed 2014 budget;
   3. Authorization to the Treasurer for emergency borrowing, if necessary;
C. To approve an Indemnification and Banking Resolution;
D. To elect Officers, Board and Congregational Ministry Deacons, as recommended by the Nominating Committee;
E. To approve an amendment to the bylaws; Article XI Section 1 - Officers:
   to include Chair of the Investment Committee in the list of Chairpersons;
F. To approve the members and charge for a search committee for calling a Senior Pastor;
G. To discuss a possible capital appeal;
H. To act on any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

On behalf of Church Council
Don Smith, Clerk

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