



Martin Luther King, Jr.
Partnership Churches
Pulpit Exchange
January 15, 2012

United Church of Christ of La Mesa

5940 Kelton Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942-2836

General Information

Asterisk (*) denotes "Please stand as you are able."

1. Announcements: A form is available in the narthex. Complete and give to an usher before worship starts.
2. Please take a moment to sign the attendance register found at the end of each pew and pass it along the row to others.
3. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired. See the person running the sound board.
4. Nursery care for infants and toddlers and Sunday School for children ages 3-5 is available at the beginning of worship each Sunday in the Christian Education building. Children leave for Sunday School as noted in the bulletin. Youth Sunday School is offered from 10:00-11:00 am.
5. We have Children's Sunday Worship Kits available for use during the service. See an usher if you are interested.

The altar flowers this week are given by Tom and Fran Atchison.

Please take a moment to look at the flower calendar to choose dates for donation of altar flowers.

Interim Minister	Rev. Dr. Bill Peterson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Curtis Clare
Chaplain, Sharp Hospice	Rev. John Tastad
Minister of Music	Joanne Skinner
Organist/Pianist	Valerie Victor
Moderator	Roger Savage
Lay Leader	Ken Noltie
Lay Reader	Melanie Lucero
Greeters	Rinda Young
Ushers	Mary Margaret James

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 15, 2012

11:00 AM

Second Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

SALUTATION

Arise Your Light Has Come

GREETING & WELCOMING OF ALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Take Time to Be Holy Stebbins

CALL TO WORSHIP

We shall overcome, because the arc of a moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

We shall overcome, because no lie can live forever.

We shall overcome because truth crushed to earth will rise again.

With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, the stone of hope.

With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood and sisterhood.

If we will but do it, we will bring about a new day of justice and peace.

And that day the morning stars will sing together

And the sons and daughters of God will shout for joy!

* GATHERING HYMN

As With Gladness Those of Old

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SEEKING

MESSAGE WITH OUR CHILDREN

The children may leave for Sunday School.

CHORAL CALL TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20 OT 192

John 1:43-51 NT 70

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

arr. Pethel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

583

tune: STUTTGART

MESSAGE

Isn't it Good Enough to be Me?

Rev. Scott Landis, Mission Hills UCC

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying;

Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying;

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 1953

From the MLK Papers Project

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power
and the Glory, forever. Amen.

SERVING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Faithful Heart Bach

* RESPONSE TO OFFERING

*Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

* SENDING HYMN

Take My Life God, Let It Be 448

* BENEDICTION

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Let us dream together, pray together, work together
To build one world of peace and justice for all.**

The Upanishads
Hindu Scripture

* CHORAL RESPONSE

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith – steadfast, strong, and true;
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above;
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.***

POSTLUDE

Christ Triumphant Shea

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am,

for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

John 1:43-51

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 toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get 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.”

THIS WEEK AT UCCLM

JANUARY 15, SUNDAY, PARTNERSHIP CHURCHES PULPIT EXCHANGE

- 8:15 am *Sunday Morning Live!*
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 am Friendship Time
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

JANUARY 16, MONDAY, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 am Partnership Churches Service Project, Mission Hills
- 7:00 pm Bone-A-fieD Brass

JANUARY 17, TUESDAY

- 9:30 am BYOT (Trustees)
Office Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Bible Study

JANUARY 18, WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 19, THURSDAY

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Worship Team

JANUARY 20, FRIDAY, JOYS & CONCERNS DEADLINE

JANUARY 21, SATURDAY

JANUARY 22, SUNDAY

- 8:15 am *Sunday Morning Live!*
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 am Friendship Time
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Southern Association Ecclesiastical Council, Cari Furr

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