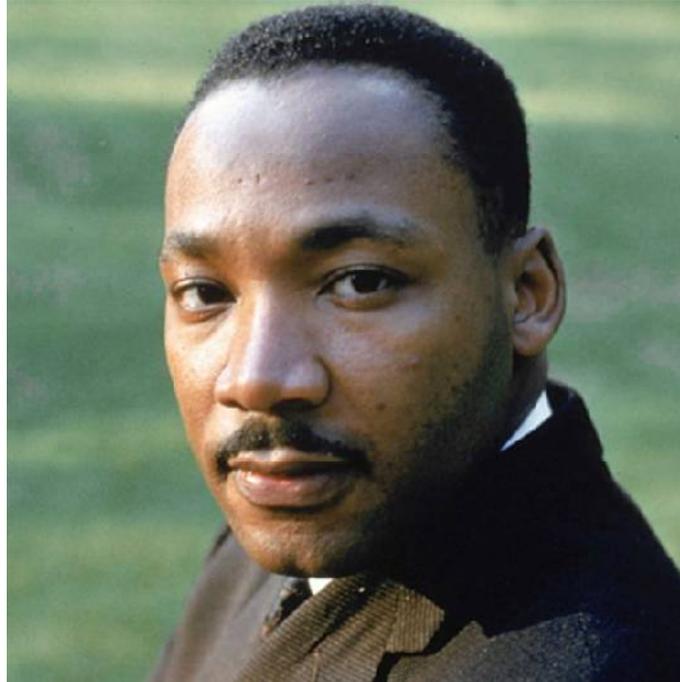


# University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

January 20, 2019



## **Who We Are:**

- We are a progressive congregation with a history of taking action on peace and justice concerns;
- We support people of all sexual orientations and gender identities;
- We are passionate about our worship, and we cherish our music;
- We are poised on a threshold ready and eager to creatively try new and innovative ways for mission and ministry in the University District.
- We do not know where this will lead us, but we trust with all our being that God is already there and is drawing us to join in the parade. We do so with excitement and joy because . .

**We Choose Love! ✦**

*(Wording taken from ULC 2017 Ministry Site Profile)*



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

Today's worship service honors the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., renewer of society, and American prophet of justice among nations and races. Dr. King was a Christian whose faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet nonviolent action for racial equality. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, AL, and Atlanta, GA, his witness was taken to streets in such other places as Birmingham, AL, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin in Memphis, TN, on April 4, 1968.

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LORD'S TABLE** to receive God's gift of forgiveness and the powerful freedom of a new life in Christ. Please come down the center aisle, proceed to the communion rail, and kneel or stand at the first open space. Hold out your hand to receive the bread. **Gluten-free wafers are available.** Please indicate your desire at the time you are offered the bread. You may drink either from an individual glass, which will be served first, or from the chalice. The individual glasses in the center of the tray contain grape juice (golden color). The outside glasses contain red wine. An acolyte will pass by to pick up your individual glass. In the spirit of continuous communion, please return to your seat via the side aisles after you have drunk from the glass or chalice. After everyone has been served at the communion rail, the ministers will serve anyone in the pew that is unable to come forward. Please indicate your desire in this regard to the pastor. Parents who desire that their children not receive communion may bring them forward for a blessing.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE** at worship today and your participation at the Lord's Supper by completing the enclosed Worship Registration form and placing it in the offering plate. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the lounge after the service.

**THERE ARE BABY CHANGING TABLES** available in both the men's & women's restrooms (across from the church office). There is also one in the Narthex.

**THERE IS A CHILDRENS AREA** in the back of the sanctuary with quiet activities for young children. An adult must also be present when a child is there.

**CHILD CARE** is available in the Nursery for children of any age. Ask the usher for directions.

**OUR PRAYERS** are with those living in fear or sorrow, those who are lonely, those that are unheard and anxious and for our members who are in need of strength and prayer.

**TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.*

*Prelude*

**“Sometime I feel like a Motherless Child”**

*African-American  
Spiritual*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

A: Our God is the creator of heaven and earth

**C: God created every blade of grass and towering tree**

A: Our God is the architect and builder of all things

**C: God formed the mountains and formed us all**

A: Our God is the molder and shaper of things to come

**C: God has plans for us, a future with hope**

A: Come, let us worship the Author of Life

**C: Let us celebrate our Creator and rejoice at being God’s creation! Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Gathering Hymn*

**“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”**

**#633**

*(Follow the cross as it is carried forward.)*

Verses by Choir; Refrain All

*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Prayer of Brokenness/Prayer of Confession*

A: Let us pray together. God of Justice and Mercy,

**C: We confess that we have silenced our prophets. We have covered our ears against those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. We avoid the looks of the poor because they embarrass us. Forgive us, Lord, for not learning from the mistakes of our ancestors, who ignored and killed their prophets. Forgive us when we follow their steps instead of following Your ways. In the name of Christ, who forgives us, we pray. Amen.**

*Blessing/Assurance of Pardon*

P: God’s faithfulness endures forever. God forgives, renews, and restores. God’s mercies are new every morning. We are called to seek the restoration and healing of others in our own forgiveness. Go with this good news, that God loves you deeply, and calls you into new life.

**C: Amen.**

### *Prayer of the Day*

A: God of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, God of Deborah and Anna, God of all our prophets:

**C: On this day, we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who prophetically witnessed to your radical inclusive love. Help us to carry forth Your call to justice beyond this Sunday and into our daily lives. Help us to have the courage of Dr. King to stand with the oppressed, to lift up the poor, to live into God's ways of peace demonstrated by Jesus the Christ. Give us the strength to build a better future for all of our children. May we be challenged to live into Christ's ways of love, justice, and peace. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **OT Lesson**

***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.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Psalm Hymn*

**“In the Presence of Your People”**

*Brent Chambers*

In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,  
for a - lone you are ho - ly, en-throned on the prais-es of Is - ra - el.  
Let us cel - e-brate your good-ness and your stead-fast love;  
may your name be ex-alt - ed here on earth and in heav'n a - bove.

***Epistle Lesson***

*Today's second reading is an excerpt from a letter written in jail. That isn't new. Many of our epistle readings from the Bible were written from jail, too. Paul, Peter, and a number of other early church leaders spent a great deal of time in jail. It's a risk you run when you honor God's call above human law. Like Paul's letters to the churches in Rome or Corinth or Galatia, Dr. King's letter from the Birmingham jail was specifically addressed to church people. Eight white Alabama pastors criticized the nonviolent protests Dr. King was leading. This letter is King's explanation of the spiritual reasons for his actions. It's also a warning to his clergy brothers (yes, they were all brothers in those days) of the danger that results from ignoring*

*God's call for justice. He cautioned these pastors to be on guard against the temptation to let the church be tail-lights instead of headlights for the world.*

L: The Words of a modern prophet

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

***Gospel Acclamation***

**“Holy God”**

**#160**

***Gospel***

***Matthew 5:43-45***

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous."

P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

***Sermon***

**“Dear Mostly White Church”**

*(Please stand)*

***Hymn of the Day***

**“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

**#841**

***Prayers of the People***

***Exchange of Peace***

P: The peace of God be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

***Children's Message***

*(Please be seated)*

***Offering/Musical Offering***

**“Praise Be To Thee”**

***Palestrina***

Praise be to Thee, O heavenly Father,  
Glory be to Thee, O Christ, His only Son.  
And the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

Holy, holy, holy, Thou Lord of Sabaoth!  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!

O God, we worship Thee!

All glory be to Thee forevermore.

Amen.

*(Please stand)*

**Offertory**

**“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

**#768**

***Offertory Prayer***

A: Let us pray together:

**C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Eucharistic Prayer***

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his Life, death, and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus!  
And let the church say, Amen

**C: Amen.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**C: Amen.**

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through

him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Communion Distribution*

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**#773**

*(MLK's favorite hymn!)*

**“There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

**#614**

**“One Bread, One Body”**

**#496**

*(Please stand)*

*Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of the resurrected Christ unite us as one and raise us to a new life of service in his name.

**C: Amen.**

*Post Communion Prayer*

A: Let us pray together:

**C: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Benediction*

*Sending Hymn*

**“We Are Called”**

**#720**

*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

**Improve on “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**Tune #773**

## Worship Attendants

Preacher	Pastor Sue Schneider
Assisting Minister	Maggie Pehrson
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
Acolytes	Natalie Crowner
Communion Assistants	Merle Overland Kathy Lachata-Oakley Rick Reuter Sharon Reuter
Lectors	Scott Davies Lynn Farrier
Children's Message	Jeff Berner
Greeter	Mary Hillman Aslaug Haraldsdottir
Ushers	Mark Hillman Mary Hillman Merle Overland
Fellowship	Scott Davies Nancy Swenson
Altar Guild	Kathy Lachata-Oakley Bev Stevenson
Counters	John Massman M. Hillman
Courtesy Driver	Vic Ensz

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM	Service of Holy Communion
10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour in the lounge
11:00 AM	Adult Forum in the chapel
11:00 AM	Sunday School upstairs
11:00 AM	Quilters in Room 208

**THE ADULT FORUM TODAY** will on issues facing this session of the State Legislative. This session kicked off this past week with the swearing of a new legislature that offers the hope for major advances in housing, mental health care, tax equity, and environmental stewardship. We will discuss the legislative priorities of University Lutheran's partner organizations, Faith Action Network and Earth Ministry. We'll discuss which priorities are ones that we should be advocates for and how we can be effective in our advocacy during the session. We will also talk about the upcoming Interfaith Advocacy Day on February 14.

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JANUARY** is United Churches Emergency Fund. Created in 1986 by churches in the University District, UCEF helps the people in NE Seattle for referral and financial assistance. UCEF's primary focus is to provide eviction protection to keep families and individuals from becoming homeless and to provide assistance to homeless families and individuals moving into housing. Please make your check out to ULC and earmark it UCEF. You may use the special offering envelopes in the pew and put it in the offering, or bring it into the church office. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

**“LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN – A MULTI-MEDIA MUSICAL JOURNEY TO SELMA AND BACK”** will be presented at Trinity Lutheran Church (6215 196<sup>th</sup> SW, Lynnwood) on Sunday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. In April of 2017 Plymouth Church's Youth Forum went on a life-changing trip, retracing the actual steps of the Civil Rights movement. Upon their return, the 10 high school aged youth (of which Mari Mitchell-Putnam's son, Alex, was one) compiled their experience into a book, *Our Faith Journey through the American Civil Rights Movements*. The January 27 event will feature *Kyrie*, a new 20-minute work by Stephen Marshall-Ward and Michael Austin Miller, featuring selected texts from the book. Plymouth Youth Forum Members will be presenting the event, along with duo-organists Wanda Griffiths and Stephen Marshall-Ward, and reSound, a northwest chamber ensemble (Dave Beck, cello; Kyle Erickson, trumpet; Ian Alvarez, percussion.)

**EGH WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27!**

EGH is excited to be adding a sixth day to their schedule, as Sundays are particularly challenging for women experiencing homelessness, with very few services available. Though EGH will have slightly reduced hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and limited service, it is their hope that they can better serve the needs of the EGH women by being open this additional day. ULC needs to **leave one open parking spot in the alley for EGH on Sundays** for anyone who is physically challenged. (EGH staff will be parking elsewhere.) Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

EGH also needs churches and community partners to provide a brunch/lunch style meal for approximately 40 women each Sunday. EGH has an extraordinary staff to cook and prepare delicious and nutritious meals Monday through Friday. Since there will be fewer staff on Sundays, they need to arrange for community partners/churches to provide the meal—meals that will be welcomed and appreciated by the women! Food would need to be delivered to EGH by 9:30 on Sunday mornings for 10:15/10:30 meal time. Food could be made ahead of time and delivered Friday afternoons (by 3:00) for Sunday. If you know of a group that may be interested in providing food for one or more Sundays, please have them contact Christine Carr or Helene Mc Owen at 206-729-0262 or [ccarr@eghseattle.org](mailto:ccarr@eghseattle.org).

**THE REV. NADIA BOLZ-WEBER** is coming to University Temple United Methodist Church On February 3, at 7:00 p.m., to share from her new and most personal book *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* (which will be released on Jan. 29). This book takes on the church's traditional teachings about sexuality and offers suggestions for healing and reforming. The event is sold out but U Temple is looking for volunteers to help during the event. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Pat Simpson at [psimpson@utemple.org](mailto:psimpson@utemple.org).

**THE ULC ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE** will be scheduling an Adult Forum on Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber's new book sometime in February. Please consider not only attending the above event, but also purchasing the book.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND** (February 16-18, 2019) as we continue ULC's winter tradition of holding a retreat at the Grunewald Guild near Leavenworth, WA. We are hoping for good snow, and opportunities for skiing, snowshoeing, and building snow forts. There will also be time for talking with each other, doing puzzles, eating, playing games, and having a Holden Vespers service. The cost is \$175 per adult for 2 nights' shared lodging and meals (Saturday dinner through Monday breakfast). Kids ages 6-12 are \$35, and kids under 6 are free. About half the lodging is in shared double rooms and the rest is in a shared dorm. **Please sign up on the Worship Registration form** and submit your payment by **February 1** to claim your spot! Make checks payable to ULC and submit them to Mari in the church office. We don't want cost to deter anyone from attending, so please contact Mari if you would like to request a partial or full scholarship.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A NEW CREATION!** With the arrival of Pastor Sue, we are living in a new day at University Lutheran. It's time to recreate our life and mission for the future. Please plan on participating in the shared dreaming and planning for this New Creation early in 2019. We begin on **Saturday, March 2**. This planning session is open to all members and friends of University Lutheran. It will begin with registration and **breakfast treats at 8:00**. The meeting starts promptly at 8:30 am and ends at 12:30 pm. Mark your calendars, and let the visioning and dreaming begin!

**ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, January 21-25:**

Monday, January 21 – **Church office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Thursday, January 24 – 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, Room B7

Friday, January 25 – 3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

**PASTOR SUE WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE** until Wednesday, January 23. She will be in Oregon attending the Byberg Preaching Conference.

**ATTENDANCE** was 86 last Sunday. The total weekly income was \$9,659.83 of which \$5,762.00 was from pledges and loose offering for operating expenses. The balance was from designated gifts and facility usage.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE:** **Altar Guild** – Frank & Sue Gregory; **Acolytes** – Alan Oakley & Cara Crowner; **Asst. Minister** – Clint Pehrson; **Children's Message:** Stacy Crowner; **Communion Assts.** – Liz Herlevi, Sue Tong, Rick & Sharon Reuter; **Lectors** – Nona Taylor & Dustin Wunderlich; **Ushers** – Rick & Sharon Reuter, Michael & Sharon Reuter; **Greeters** – Alice & Jack Peterson; **Fellowship Hour:** Theresa Lehan-Anderson & Lynn Farrier; **Counters** – Ruth Ann Rouse & Jeff Berner; **Courtesy Driver** – Gary Marshall.

## Sunday Schedule

*Worship with Holy Communion:*

9:30 AM

*Fellowship:* 10:30 AM

*Education Hour:* 11:00 AM

*Child Care:* 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### **Outreach at ULC**

*Elizabeth Gregory Home – Mon - Fri*

*Sanctuary Art Center – 5 times weekly*

*Teen Feed – 3 times weekly*

*ULu Women's Shelter - Nightly*

### **ULC Outreach in Seattle**

*Church Council of Greater Seattle*

*Compass Housing Alliance*

*Community Lunch at Central LC*

*Earth Ministry*

*Faith Action Network*

*Lutheran Campus Ministry - UW*

*Lutheran Community Services NW*

*Open Door Ministries*

*United Churches Emergency Fund*

*University District Foodbank*

*Young Adult Shelter (ROOTS)*

## WELCOME!

Welcome to University Lutheran Church! We welcome you into the life and ministry of this congregation, and pray that as you worship with us and become familiar with our people and our many activities, you will discover a place to belong and a way to participate in this corporate ministry of Jesus Christ.

ULC is a metropolitan congregation, committed to being a vital ministry in the University District and the world. We offer a variety of liturgies for worship in order to make a joyful noise unto God every Sunday.

As a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, we affirm the dignity and worth of people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identity, social status, age, physical capability and economic condition. As a **Greening Congregation**, we strive to be faithful stewards of God's creation. As an **Advocating Congregation** we make our voices known to our governing authorities on behalf of those who are crying out for justice and peace.

Please join us after service in the lounge for coffee, goodies and fellowship!

206-525-7074

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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