

A high-contrast, black and white portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He has a beard and mustache and is looking upwards and to the right with a serious expression. His hands are clasped together in front of him, resting on a surface. The background is dark and textured. Overlaid on the lower half of the image is a quote in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters.

**THE TIME IS ALWAYS  
RIGHT TO DO WHAT  
IS RIGHT.**

**-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**



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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

January 14, 2018

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Organist.....  
Pastor..... Mr. Frederick Bolden  
Guest Minister..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.  
..... The Rev. David Dickey

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## We Assemble in God's Name

**Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Gathering in Song (seated)**

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

**Welcome**

**Prayer of Preparation (unison):** Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. As we gather to worship, may your people be illumined by your Word, so that we may shine with the radiance of his glory; that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Chimes**

**\* Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 115*

**Leader:** Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory  
because of your love and faithfulness.

**People:** *The Lord remembers us and will bless us; he will bless those  
who fear the Lord—small and great alike.*

**All:** *It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore.  
Praise the Lord!*

\* Hymn of Praise..... "Come, We That Love the Lord".....# 18

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**Welcome of Visitors**

\* **Passing of the Peace +**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

*(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)*

**Special Music**.....The Choir

**Invitation to Confession**

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession (unison):** Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us?  
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: *Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

**Prayer Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

All: *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.*

**Prayer Response**....."In the Presence".....The Choir

## We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 116:1-9

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Special Music

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. David Dickey

Sermon

*"From Agony to Ecstasy"*

## We Respond to God's Word

\* Invitation to Discipleship

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* **Gloria Patri**..... *"Glory Be to the Father"* .....# 623

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

\* **Hymn of Commitment** ... .. *"Amazing Grace"* ... .. # 202

### The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory Prayer (unison):** Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. You made of one blood all races and nations of earth, and sent your Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to us all. As we dedicate our selves and our offerings to you, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* **Choral Response**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## We Go in God's Name

### Charge and Benediction

We Carry Our Light Into the World

\*Those who are able may stand

The Rev. David Dickey  
"We Shall Overcome" (insert)

+ Late worshippers seated

### Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you have joined us in worship today. Please fill out the card that the ushers gave you at the door. We hope to see you here again soon. Anyone who is interested in joining this part of Christ's church should speak to the pastor or one of the elders.

### + Notes from the Pastor +

- Start the New Year off right with Bible Study! "Forming Faith" meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church. Come for study, stay for fellowship, continue for growth! In January we are undertaking a four-session study of "Who is God?"
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact [vernlee3@hotmail.com](mailto:vernlee3@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264

### + Other Announcements +

- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember:* No one should have to choose between heating their home and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.
- Check out our web page: [www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com](http://www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com)

### Remember our Shut-Ins

#### and Members Away from Our Community

Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 556-6680  
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) 366-0391

Mr. Don Wahls—138 Whaley Rd, Raeford NC 28376

Email: [don.wahls@gmail.com](mailto:don.wahls@gmail.com)

**"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."**

Our love and sympathy are extended to Joseph Breuer, Jr. & family upon the death of his father, Joseph Breuer, Sr., last Sunday night.

Traditional

# We Shall Overcome

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Traditional

Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937.

1. We shall o - ver - come, — We shall o - ver - come, —

We shall o - ver - come some - day. — Oh, —

If in our hearts we do be - lieve, We shall o - ver - come some - day. —

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of lyrics, including a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line. The third system contains the third line of lyrics. The score concludes with a final chord in the bass line.

- 2. We'll walk hand in hand ...
- 3. We shall all have peace ...
- 4. We are not afraid ...
- 5. God is on our side ...

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## Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

For our nation and its leadership, for President Trump; for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation and the overcoming of barriers, for a capacity to seek the greater good instead of personal gain

For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring *peace* to the world—for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for *The Congo*

For our enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists

For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together

For unity in the Church, cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith

For all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends: *the Joseph Breuer family*; for victims of violence; victims of *California wildfires & mudslides*, and others dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Todd Moorman; Priscilla Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Roberson family, Betty McFadden (Russ' mother), Cynthia & Nat Harris, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Thom Witting; Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly

For our children and youth; for their teachers & school staff; for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him

For our service men and women stationed around the world and their families

For those who seek employment, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.  
(Romans 8:26, NRSV)