

A Service in Celebration and Remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
Sunday, January 17, 2021, 5pm, Chapel

Gathering Music

Mark Heiman '92

Words of Welcome

Darryl York III '23

Choral Anthem: Jenga Imani Yako
(translated from Swahili)

Carleton Choir with Director Matthew Olson

Build your faith, people,
as our ancestors did
by diligently staying strong and praying,
you will build your faith.

By faith, Abel offered better sacrifice.
By faith, Abraham responded to God's call.
By faith, Isaac blessed his children.
By faith, Job did not blaspheme his creator.

By faith, Enoch ascended without dying.
By faith, Sarah conceived even at old age.
By faith, Rehab and his colleague were never annihilated.
By faith, Daniel refused to eat.

By faith, Noah built the ark.
By faith, Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice.
By faith, Moses refused to be called an Egyptian's song.
By faith, Samuel responded to the call of God.

Scripture Readings:

Grace Bassekle '24

Proverbs 6:16-23

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that hurry to run to evil,

a lying witness who testifies falsely, and one who sows discord in a family.

My child, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Bind them upon your heart always; tie them around your neck.

When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

Amos 5:21-24

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals, I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Song: *There is More Love Somewhere*

Mark Heiman

1. There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.
2. There is more hope somewhere...
3. There is more peace somewhere..
4. There is more joy somewhere...

Readings:

Jaxon Alston '23

“Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart. Audacious longings, burning songs, daring thoughts, an impulse overwhelming the heart, usurping the mind- these are all a drive towards serving [the one] who rings our hearts like a bell. It is as if [God] were waiting to enter our empty, perishing lives.” - Abraham Joshua Heschel

“I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, other-centered men can build up. ... I still believe that we *shall* overcome!” - Martin Luther King Jr.

Song: *We Shall Overcome*

Mark Heiman

1. We Shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome someday.
2. We are not afraid...today.
3. Our God will see us through...someday.
4. We shall live in peace...someday.

Reflection: “Praying in Their Footsteps: Continuing the legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel”
Rabbi Isaama Goldstein-Stoll '14

Prayer

Isaama Goldstein-Stoll

“Prayer Invites:

God's presence to suffuse our spirits,
God's will to prevail in our lives.
Prayer may not bring water to parched fields,
nor mend a broken bridge,
nor rebuild a ruined city.
But prayer can water an arid soul,

mend a broken heart,
rebuild a weakened will.” -Abraham Joshua Heschel

Silent Meditation

***Closing Song:** *This Little Light of Mine*

Mark Heiman

1. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...
2. Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine...
3. All through the night, I’m gonna let it shine...

Benediction

Isaama Goldstein-Stoll

A special welcome and thank you to Rabbi Isaama Goldstein-Stoll. Isaama graduated from Carleton with a Religion major in 2014 and went on to study to become a rabbi at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. She now serves as the Senior Jewish Educator at the Yale University Hillel. We are so glad to have her “back” to speak today!

Our thanks also go to the Black Student Alliance (BSA) leaders for helping to plan the service, and to our readers, Matthew Olson, the Carleton Choir, and Mark Heiman for sharing their gifts and leading us in song.