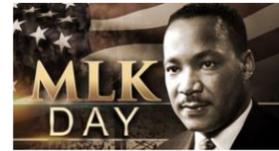


To Do Justice

The Fight for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



On January 15th, the entire nation pauses in remembrance of a civil rights hero. At least, that's the point of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a federal holiday that takes place on the third Monday of each January. MLK Day was designed to honor the activist and minister assassinated in 1968, whose accomplishments have continued to inspire generations of the world.

But though the holiday now graces the United States' federal calendar and affects countless offices, schools, businesses and other public and private spaces, it wasn't always observed. The fight for a holiday in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s honor was an epic struggle in and of itself—and it continues to face resistance in the form of competing holidays to leaders of the Confederacy.

The first push for a holiday honoring King took place just four days after his assassination. John Conyers, then a Democratic Congressman from Michigan, took to the floor of Congress to insist on a federal holiday in King's honor. However, the request fell on deaf ears.

When his first bill failed, Conyers was undaunted. "Conyers would persist year after year, Congress after Congress, in introducing the same bill again and again. He enlisted the help of the Congressional Black Caucus, of which he was a founding member. For 15 years, the CBC attempted to break the stalled legislation loose. Every single attempt failed. The tide finally turned in the early 1980s. By then, the CBC had collected six million signatures in support of a federal holiday in honor of King. Stevie Wonder had written a hit song, "Happy Birthday," about King, which drove an upswell of public support for the holiday.

And in 1983, as civil rights movement veterans gathered in Washington to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, King's seminal "I Have a Dream" speech, and the 15th anniversary of his murder, something shook loose.

The bill passed with ease the following day (78-22) and President Ronald Reagan immediately signed the legislation.

But though the first federal holiday was celebrated in 1986, it took years for observance to filter through to every state. Several Southern states promptly combined Martin Luther, King, Jr. Day with holidays that uplifted Confederate leader Robert E. Lee, who was born on January 19. Arizona initially observed the holiday, then rescinded it, leading to a years-long scuffle over whether to celebrate King that ended in multiple public referenda, major boycotts of the state, and a final voter registration push that helped propel a final referendum toward success in 1992.

It wasn't until 2000 that every state in the Union finally observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Today, the holiday is still celebrated in conjunction with a celebration of Confederate figures in some states—but after three decades of contention and controversy, it is observed.

Save the Date

January 21

- Choir Rehearsal | 7 pm

Announcements

- If you have a prayer request, announcement or save the date for the bulletin, please submit it (via email) to the church office no later than Wednesday of each week by sending it to galewoodcucc@gmail.com.

4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

galewoodcucc.org



SMART PHONE

via the Givelify app



MAIL



SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY PRAYER LINE
6:30 PM
(712) 775-7031
PIN 923-235

SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT 9 AM
JOIN US THIS WEEK
In the Chapel

Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches
Sharing Light, Sharing Faith in Divided Times

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January 19, 2020

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday School | 9 AM

Sunday Worship | 10 AM

Wednesday Prayer | 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

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**Starting
Monday, January 27!!!**

**2020 ReVitalize Fast
1 Thessalonians 3: 12-13,
NLT**

12 And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. 13 May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

21-Day Corporate Fast

Disclaimer:
Galewood Community UCC strongly encourages individuals with health concerns to consult their physician prior to beginning a fast. This is especially important if you take prescription medications or have a chronic condition. Some people should never fast without professional supervision.



Opening Song
Call to Worship 'Be Still and Know'

Scripture Psalm 36:5-10 (NIV)

Invocation

Congregational Hymn

Recognition of Guests/Passing of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: And also with you.

Acknowledgements/Pastoral Period

Altar Call

Ministry of Song

Sermon John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

Invitation to Discipleship

Pre-Offertory Prayer

Tithes and Offerings * Second Offering will be for Benevolence

Post-Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Announcements

Benediction

Notes

Form with fields for Sermon Title, Points to Remember, and several blank lines for notes.

Prayers for Erie Spencer; Pastor Myra and ministerial leaders; our church as a whole; those who feel forgotten, homeless, sick, shut-in and less fortunate

If you have any prayer request or concerns, please visit galewoodcucc.org to submit your request or email us at: galewoodcucc.org. All requests must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday.

Scripture

Psalm 36:5-10

5 Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

6 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

10 Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**