

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Jr. King Weekend

Jan 18, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL to WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 40:1-11

One: I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and God turned to me and heard my cry.

People: *God lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire.*

One: God set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.

People: *God has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise.*

One: Many will see what God has done and be astounded. They will put their trust in the Lord.

People: *Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord. O Lord my God, you have done many miracles for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list.*

One: If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.

People: *You take no delight in sacrifices or offerings. Now that you have made me listen, I finally understand – you don't require burnt offerings or sin offerings*

One: "Look, I have come. I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your law is written on my heart."

People: *I have told all your people about your justice. I have not been afraid to speak out, as you, O Lord, well know.*

One: I have not kept this good news hidden in my heart; I have talked about your faithfulness and saving power.

People: *I have told everyone in the great assembly of your unfailing love and faithfulness.*

All: *O Lord, don't hold back your tender mercies. Our only hope is in your unfailing love and faithfulness.*

*SONG 212

*Sing of One Who
Walks Beside Us*

Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

*SONG 470

*Precious Lord,
Take My Hand*

Sharon Novak

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

John 1:29-42

REFLECTION

'TRANSLATED'

Rev. Gail Doktor

*SONG 401

Amazing Grace (v 1,2 & 4)

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

*SONG 44

Doxology

Sharon Novak

PRAYER of REV DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING: O God, we thank you for the fact that you have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures. We call you different names: some call you Allah; some call you Elohim; some call you Jehovah; some call you Brahma; some call you the Unmoved Mover. But we know that these are all names for one and the same God. Grant that we will follow you and become so committed to your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives and in this world a brother and sisterhood, that we will be able to establish here a kingdom of understanding, where men and women will live together as brothers and sisters and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus. *Amen*

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

PRAYERS:

For PEOPLE: Focus this week: Allison, Annie, Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Cindy G., Deb L., Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Nat & June, P.J.K., Phaedra, Rob, Ruth, Steve, Tom. For those grieving, including the families of Ann H., Michael, David S., and Tim.

For PLACES — For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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John 1: 29-42

The Lamb of God: ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, *“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”* ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, *‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’* ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, *“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”* ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, *‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’* ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The First Disciples of Jesus: ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, *“Look, here is the Lamb of God!”* ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, *“What are you looking for?”*

They said to him, *“Rabbi”* (which translated means Teacher), *“where are you staying?”*

³⁹ He said to them, *“Come and see.”* They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, *“We have found the Messiah”* (which is translated Anointed).

⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, *“You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas”* (which is translated Peter).

ANNUAL MEETING for JCC

Wed, Jan 21

6pm – Congregational Potluck

7pm – Annual Meeting (in-person & zoom)

- **6pm:** Come for community potluck.
 - Bring a favorite entrée, salad, side dish or dessert. Or just come, we’ll feed you!



- **7pm:** Business meeting begins.
 - Attend via zoom or in-person.
 - Review, discuss, and vote on church officers, 2026 budget, and other business.



- Annual Report available. Limited print copies or PDF online @ jxncc.org.