

## Shelter from the Storm

*A Prayerful Meditation*

Sitting alone in the darkness of night,  
head held in hands—  
a life shocked by your own actions,  
and the actions of those around you.

Disbelief. Betrayal. Trauma. Violence.  
What just happened . . .  
Tears fall to the ground, mixing with the tragedy.

Words are offered as encouragement and comfort.  
Please don't try to answer the questions that arise.  
You can't explain away the obvious injustice.  
Don't disregard the pain and confusion.  
And don't sing songs to this heavy heart.

Rather, be a shelter for one another—  
listening to the terror of fear unleashed in action,  
acknowledging the struggle of doubt,  
naming the despair of injustice,  
crying with those destroyed by the unbelievable.

God of justice and peace,  
May your love continue to grow deeply in the lives of  
all who love you. In the complexities of life, may we be a  
shelter for one another through the storms we face. May our  
mouths speak for justice in the lives of the oppressed. May  
our arms encircle those battered by the emotional toll of  
struggle and conflict. May our feet carry those ravaged by  
hatred and war to the places of sanctuary and shalom. Let  
this be our prayer. *Amen.*

—Sara Haldeman-Scott, pastor  
First Church of the Brethren  
San Diego, California

**Text for today:** "Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. *Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains*, your judgments are like the great deep . . . O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!" (Psalm 36:5-6, 10, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

01-17-16, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (18)  
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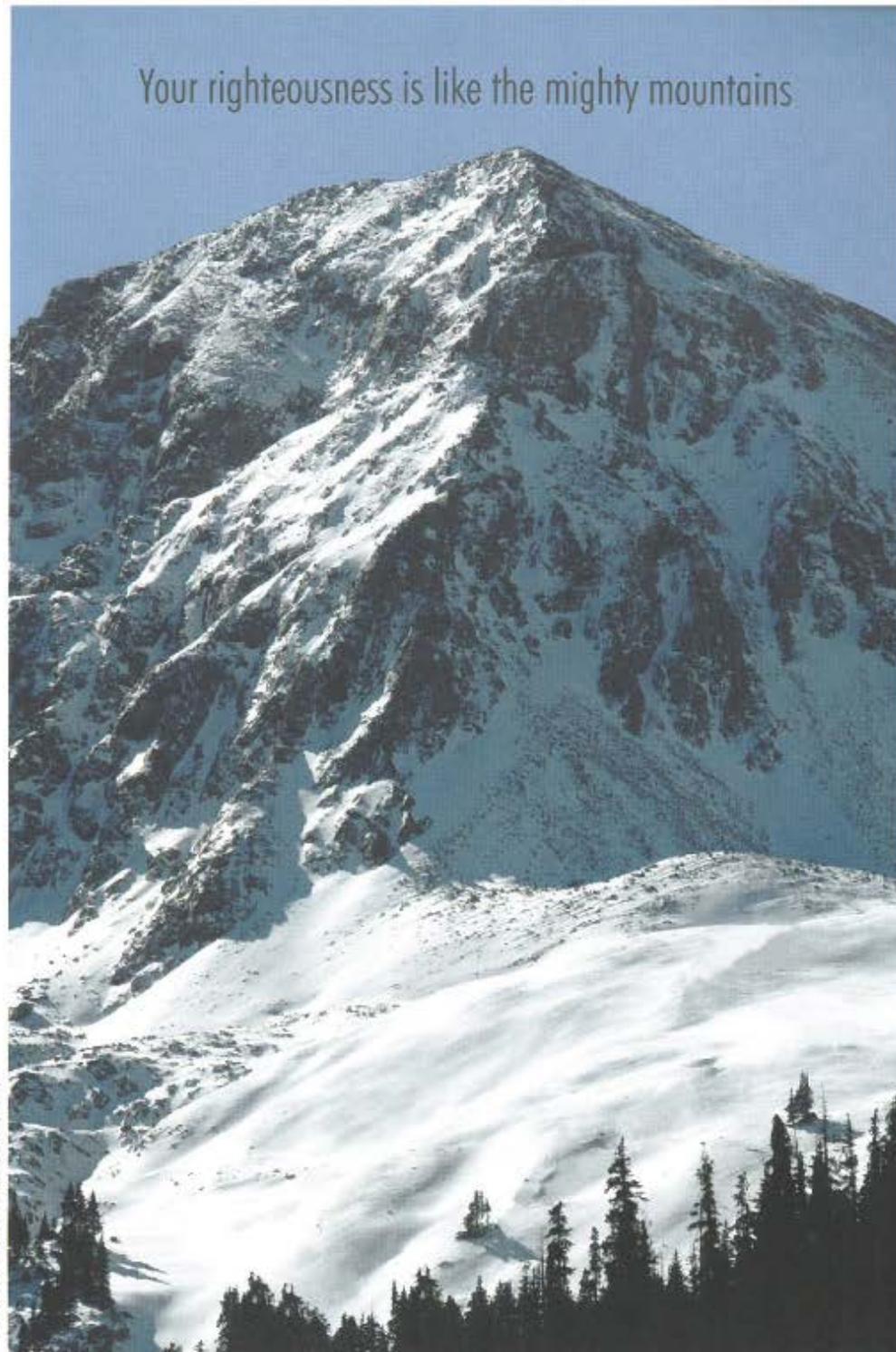


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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship January 17, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to keep silent; and a time to speak... ~Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b*

*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDES** (11:00) Andantino in F major, Op. 14, No. 3 *Edward Elgar*  
(from Vesper Voluntaries)  
Cantilena *Josef Rheinberger*  
(from Sonata in D minor, Op. 148, No. 11)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 62:1-5 *NRSV*

**\*HYMN # 14** *Come, we that love the Lord* WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

## CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

## PROCLAIMING

**ANTHEM** (11:00)  
When the Song of the Angels is Stilled *Elizabeth Alexander*

**CHILDREN'S TIME** (11:00) *Jeff Carr*  
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 2:1-11 *The Message*

**SERMON** "The Time Has Come..." *Chris Zepp*

**\*HYMN # 323** *Beyond a dying sun* ENGLE

## RESPONDING

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

## OFFERING

### Invitation

### Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Prelude on ARIRANG

*Joy E. Koning*

"Christ You Are the Fullness of God"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Litany** – Toward a Just and Beloved Community

Insert

### Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN # 579** *Lift every voice and sing* ANTHEM

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) Postlude on *John G. Barr*  
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**January 17-23, 2016** (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.  
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

|               |                   |                                    |                |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Today</b>  | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. | Blood Pressure Clinic              | Reception Area |
|               | 3:00              | Memorial Service for Wendell Smith | Sanctuary      |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 7:00              | Food Pantry                        | Social Hall    |
|               | 7:00              | Refugee Committee                  | Lounge         |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 5:15              | Cherub Choir Rehearsal             | Agape Room     |
|               | 5:30              | Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal    | Social Hall    |
|               |                   | Menu: Pork Roast & Stuffed Peppers |                |
|               | 5:45              | Carol Choir Rehearsal              | Agape Room     |
|               | 6:30              | YORFF Rehearsal                    | Room # 35      |
|               | 7:00              | Board of Administration            | Seekers Room   |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 7:30              | Sanctus Choir Rehearsal            | Choir Room     |

### NEXT SUNDAY– January 24, 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**Worship:** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: “Whose Words?”

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19 & Luke 4:14-21

Children’s Worship during Worship at 11

**Puppets Rehearsal** – 9 a.m. – Agape Room

**Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

### ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR LAST SUNDAY: 1/10/16

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 20 11:00 – 253 Sunday School: 150**

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Pledges & Envelope Giving  | \$19,167.33 |
| Loose Offering             | 680.00      |
| Church User Fees           | 200.00      |
| Food Pantry                | 100.00      |
| Messenger Subscriptions    | 78.00       |
| Books                      | 35.00       |
| Insurance Refund           | 105.68      |
| Women’s Fellowship         | 100.00      |
| Youth Fundraiser Meal      | 504.05      |
| Youth Workcamp Deposits    | 1,150.00    |
| Jan Matteson Memorial Fund | 150.00      |

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

## BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus  
and live the love of God.*

### ***Our Mission...***

*As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.*

### ***Our Values...***

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.  
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.  
Serving one another and our neighbor’s good.  
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

### PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

**Jeff Carr** – Senior Pastor

**Chris Zepp** – Associate Pastor

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

**Fortunato Correa** – Custodian

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

**Glenna Wampler** – Business Manager

### PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

**John Barr** – Organist

**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Jeanie Eye** – Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

**Marianne Houff** – Children’s Choir Director

**Ellsworth Neff** – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

**Curtis Nolley** – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

**Clarke & Hope Staton** – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.**

**Representative** – Joyce Wampler

*All Are Welcome* brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

**PARKING ASSISTANCE:** 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a “cry room” for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

**Pianist** (8:30) – Cindy Fike

**Fellowship Host** – Mac Bair

**Greeters** (11:00) – Todd & Mandi Glendye; Josh & Erin Eye

**Head Usher** (11:00) – Kevin Keplinger

**Sound/Light** (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff & Dave Lineweaver

**Decorators** – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

**Deacon Caregivers** – David & Lori Lineweaver

**Van Driver** – Edgar Simmons

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: Howard Thurman**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available to be picked-up in the greeting hall; also **2015 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS** can be picked-up today and next Sunday. Those not picked up will be mailed.

**ANOTHER VOICE** welcomes new members! If you are interested in working for peace and justice in our congregation and community, and being a part of some lively discussions, please come to our first meeting of the New Year and see if you'd like to be a part of this dynamic group. We'll meet in Maple Terrace, 2nd floor, Major Room, on Tuesday, January 19, at 2 p.m. Meetings usually last about an hour. We hope you'll join us.

*Mary Cline Detrick*, Chair

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION AT BC MONDAY**

- 6:45 p.m., Dr. King Memorial Candlelight walk, Campus Mall
- 7 p.m., Harrisonburg Mayor Christopher B. Jones will speak in Cole Hall
- 7:30 p.m., in Cole Hall – *Selma*, a 2014 historical drama directed by Ava DuVernay and written by Paul Webb. The film is set during the height of the civil rights movement and depicts the march from Selma to Montgomery, AL.

All events are free and open to the public!

### **PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY ORDER (FEBRUARY AND MARCH)**

Pastor Chris invites you to join in his next book discussion:

*Forgive Us: Confessions of a Compromised Faith*,  
by Cannon, Harper, Jackson, and Rah

**February 10 and 24 / March 9 and 23, 2-3 pm, Lounge**

Christianity in America has a bad reputation – a public image marked by hurtful attitudes toward homosexuals, women, minorities, followers of other religions, and others outside our fold. Though this image is sometimes unfair, we must admit: Too often, this reputation is deserved. In this short 2014 book, four Christian leaders confess the church's public failings and call on fellow believers to reengage the surrounding culture in a new and transformative way. With 7 sections to match the 7 Wednesdays of Lent, might this be a timely challenge for collective confession and repentance? Order your copy through the office at an estimated cost of ~\$17 (if ordered no later than 1/24) OR obtain your own copy. Even if you are not able to read the book, you are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions. If you have any questions—about the book authors, or discussion—please contact Chris.

## **Toward a Just and Beloved Community** **A Prayer Litany for Martin Luther King Sunday**

*Italics to be read by the organ side of the congregation.*  
Plain type to be read by the piano side of the congregation.

**Bold to be read by all.**

*Incline your ear, O God, and answer us,  
for we are poor, hungry, naked, homeless, and sick.  
Preserve our lives, for we are devoted to you;  
save your servants who trust in you.*

Dr. King's work reminds us:  
church and state must work together for the common good;  
laws must establish justice for all,  
but hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish.

**We will do the work of justice for all;  
we will open our hearts  
to an ever-expanding vision of community.  
We will trust the Spirit of God to guide and move us  
between the present and the anticipated Realm of Justice.**

*You are our God; be gracious to your children,  
for we cry out to you all day long.  
Bring joy to the soul of your servants,  
for to you, O God, we lift up our soul.*

Dr King's vision inspires us:  
"We are tied together in a single garment of destiny  
caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."

**We will work for a world where lives are enriched by  
difference; where people of different genders,  
races, and sexual orientations work together in Shalom  
for the good of the whole.  
We will work for a nation where persons will be judged  
solely upon the content of their characters.**

*For you, O God, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.  
Give ear, O God, to the prayers of the marginalized;  
listen to our supplications.*

Dr. King's words challenge us:  
"...injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

**We will listen to the cries of the poor;  
we will stand in solidarity with those who suffer  
oppression; we will take as our own  
the hopes of all who long for full human life;  
we will create in our midst the Beloved Community  
with room for all, justice for all, joy for all,  
Shalom for all.  
We will listen to the voice of the Christ,  
who stirs about liberating all minds, hearts, and spirits.**

*In our days of trouble we call on you, for you will answer us.  
There is none like you among the gods, O God,  
nor are there any works like yours to the ends of the earth.  
Teach us your way, O God, that we may walk in your truth.*

Dr. King's life inspires us:  
"I still believe that one day humankind will bow before the  
altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and  
bloodshed and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim  
the rule of the land...  
I still believe that someday we shall overcome."

**We will overcome because of our faith & trust in God.  
We will reach the goal laid before us without faltering.  
We will never give up our hope for equality with one  
another.  
We will live Dr. King's dream into our reality.**

Litany written by Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaben, with inspiration and quotations taken from  
*Vision of the Beloved Community*, in *Search for the Beloved Community: The Thinking of Martin  
Luther King, Jr.* (Smith and Zepp), *Dr. King's Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech*, and Psalm 86.