



This Weekend In Worship

Watch Service Online
Virtual Fellowship (Saturday & Sunday)
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Love Your Neighbor: Creating a Beloved Community
Week 3 Act of Kindness Challenge

Do something kind for someone of a different race than you
or have a conversation with someone of a different race than you.

Have you ever had this experience, when after a difficult conversation, as you were reflecting on what you said, you thought, “Why didn’t I just say *this*? Why did I respond the way I did? Maybe if I would have responded differently, the conversation wouldn’t have ended?”

I’ve replayed those questions in my head many times, wishing that after a difficult conversation, I could erase or rewind, pause, think for a moment, start over, or even, just have kept my mouth shut.

In the conversation ([John 1:43-51](#)) that we’re going to overhear in worship this weekend, we read of a situation where there wasn’t *regret* after the conversation ended. Philip’s response to Nathanael’s question . . . didn’t judge him or jump to a conclusion, but rather kept the conversation going. And it made it possible ultimately for Nathanael to accept the invitation to follow Jesus.

Nathanael questions whether anything good can come from Nazareth, and Philip, though maybe tempted to criticize Nathanael for his question, says to him, “Come and see”. Just come and see. Come and see for yourself.

Three simple words, that we could have easily skipped over, made all the difference. *Come and see.*

Philip’s simple invitation and Nathanael’s openness to something new changed everything.

As we celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King this weekend and in the wake of last year’s racial justice awakening, I hear Philip’s invitation still inviting us today. “Come and see.”

When we can’t believe that anything could be different than how we understand it now, my hope is that Philip’s words will run through our minds and nudge us to at least, *come and see.*

Look forward to worshipping with you on-line this weekend.

Pastor Kathy

“Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This weekend we will be celebrating Human Relations Day, which supports communities through social justice work with at-risk youth.

You can give by marking your offering "HRD" or go to
UMC.org/SSGive

First United Methodist Church

Virtual worship service

January 16th, 5 pm

January 17th, 9:30 am

Welcome &
Announcements

Prelude

"We Shall Overcome"

Gaël Liardon

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Every Time I Feel the
Spirit"

#404

Opening Prayer

Chorus

"Where Children
Belong"

#2233

Children's Moment

Reading

Reflection

Sermon

Love Your Neighbor-
Creating a Beloved
Community

Pastoral Prayer &
Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Hymn of Commitment

"I Have a Dream"

#3127

Blessing & Sending
Forth

Postlude

"Allegretto vivo, FWV
41, No. 55

César Francki