



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

Martin Luther King Day

January 18, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

9:30 a.m.: Gathering at the Meditation Garden

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.

Congregation: **May we find the courage to acknowledge the brutality and violence of our forebears who seized these lands, and may we be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *My heart abounds with pleasure*

Johannes Brahms

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn ELW 722 *O Christ, your heart, compassionate (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: This morning we remember dreams and dreamers.

Joseph, Jesus' father, dreamt about uncertainty.

Congregation: **We, too, know the uncertainty of dreaming.**

May we, like Joseph, respond in faith.

Celebrant: Mary, Jesus' mother, dreamt about a child, a new beginning.

Congregation: We, too, dream of new beginnings.

May we, like Mary, respond in hope.

Celebrant: The Magi dreamt about going home by a different way.

Congregation: We, too, know how dreams can alter our plans.

May we, like the Magi, respond with our feet.

Celebrant: There have been many dreams, many dreamers. Today we remember Martin Luther King Jr. who dreamed of justice rolling down like the waters, of a beloved community where all people find kinship, belonging, dignity and love.

Congregation: We, too, dream of justice and your beloved community.

May we, like Dr. King, respond with our voices, with our lives and in your love.

Celebrant: Awaken us to our dreams, Holy God —
and to your voice speaking from within them.

Congregation: Awaken us to your world, Holy God —
and to the places where our greatest joy can meet the world's greatest need.

Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson, USA

Hymn of Praise

Luke 2:14

Pablo Sosa

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on

Dios, high, y en la tic - rra and on earth paz a la gen - te
peace to all peo - ple in

que a - ma el Se - ñor.
whom God is well pleased.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the creation of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,

and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength--

he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,

the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,

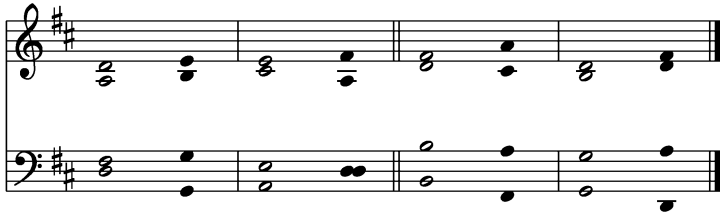
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**



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I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
 he stooped to me and heard my cry. ||
 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, *
a song of praise to our God; ||
many shall see, and stand in awe, *
and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. ||
 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count. ||

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
you have given me ears to hear you;

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not re-quired, *
 and so I said, "Behold, I come. ||

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 "I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O LORD, you know. ||

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de-liverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. *
You are the LORD ||

do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together
 with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for
 in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of

Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn WLP 795 *Come now, O Prince of Peace (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?" 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 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).

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence will be commenced and ended with the sounding of a bell.

Affirmation

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,
maker of past, present and future.
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
who came to declare good news to those in despair,
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
who resurrects us to new life,
and sends us out into the world**

**to be signs of God's incarnate presence
in the world God so loves.**

Prayers of the People

God of all races and nations, we praise you for all your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints, and for humble folk whose names were never in the news, but are recorded in your book of life,

We give you thanks, O God.

Especially this day we thank you for Martin Luther King, Jr., for his courage and conviction, for his passion for peace, and for his tireless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises,

We give you thanks, O God.

For the memory of Martin Luther King, Sr. and Mrs. King, Coretta Scott King and the King family; for Medgar Evers, Rosa Parks, James Meredith, Malcolm X, Desmond Tutu, Howard Thurman, Pauli Murray, John Lewis and countless others who stood in the front lines and marched, integrated schools and restaurants, or sat in buses and refused to move,

We give you thanks, O God.

For nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of oppression, who were beaten, raped, or lynched; and for the nameless multitudes today whose lives are stunted and cut short by economic and social structures of brutality,

We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

For children, women, and men of every race who are denied education, health care, jobs, housing, and hope in our land,

We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Leader: We remember those on our Prayer List:

Peter McKee, Caroline Dane, Mike S., Jennifer Hutchinson, Meredydd Cooper, Henna Torrey Roy, Liz Leuthner, Jerry, Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Agnes and Billy, Barbara K., Julie and Tom, Gwyn Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Semantha, Judy Miller, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

Leader: Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: Hear our prayers, and bless us, living God.

Hold the secret longings of our hearts in the mystery of your love.

Shine your light on us that our lives may be a light to the world.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Congregation: **Congregation: Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being,
we humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls and minds,
and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.**

**We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses
rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ.**

We often give in order to receive.

We love our friends and hate our enemies.

We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.

We forgive but dare not forget.

**And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact
that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you.**

But thou, O God, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.

Give us the intelligence to know your will.

Give us the courage to do your will.

Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters, by the power of God's Spirit we are always called into newness of life in Christ Jesus. Whatever has previously bound us in fear and kept us from living fully into God's kingdom of justice and peace, this is a new day. In the mercy of God we have been set free to be God's people in the world. Let us live in the light of this good news.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn LEVAS II 106 *Precious Lord, take my hand (in back of bulletin)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love

Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.

With the angels of light who envelop us,

with all the saints before and beside us,

with brothers and sisters, east and west,

we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus (*next page*)

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Congregation: **Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

Congregation:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God ...

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: In thanksgiving for the gifts of grace and mercy that have nourished us at this table, we pray for the courage to bear these gifts to the world, remembering the life to which Jesus calls us.

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 flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

Congregation: **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.**

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

The Blessing

May God
Holy eternal Mystery
Holy incarnate Word
Holy abiding Spirit
Bless you and keep you evermore

Congregation: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 717 *Let justice flow like streams (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *All my heart this day rejoices*

Helmet Walcha

Announcements

Dismissal

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Justice for all

Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.

Martin Luther King Jr.

There is a stark inequity in the state of Maine in levels of poverty based on race and ethnic identity. While approximately 15% of white children live in poverty, the rate is 44% for children from Maine's American Indian families and over 46% for children from Maine's Black or African families (State Legislature figures from 2021).

Let's renew our commitment to the power of love and join with others to address this inequity. **Please explore the work of Maine Equal Justice** (MaineEqualJustice.org), a nonprofit civil legal aid and economic justice organization based in Augusta that works to increase **economic security, opportunity, and equity** for Maine residents. Or, closer to home, contact Community Compass or Healthy Island Project to see how your time, energy, and love can make a difference in your neighbors' lives and well-being.

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, January 19	2:00 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at Reversing Falls Sanctuary 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 20	4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Continuation of Bible Study 101 (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 21	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in-person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, January 25	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Donna Downs presiding

Looking Ahead

Monday, February 2	6:00 p.m. Feast of the Presentation at the Memorial Garden followed by soup in the parish hall
Friday, February 6	5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Annual Mardi Gras Gathering at the Danes'

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone.
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!



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Come now, O Prince of Peace *Wonder Love and Praise*, #795

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: *O-so-so*, Geonyong Lee.

Take My Hand, Precious Lord *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #106

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows — drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws —

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —
 2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —
 3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

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Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed,
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.