

Augsburg Morning Chapel
January 26, 2020
Healing the Nation

Welcome to Campus Ministry's morning chapel service at Augsburg University.

Welcome:

Centering Song: "Only You, O God" (sung to the tune of "Balm in Gilead")

Only you, O God, and you alone, the broken heart console,
Only you, O God, and you alone, the wounded world make whole.

O God, our rock and haven, our stronghold, safe and sure,
though earth be torn and shaken, in your we stand secure.

Only you, O God, and you alone, the broken heart console,
Only you, O God, and you alone, the wounded world make whole.

We pray, do not abandon the ones you call your own;
our comfort and companion, we trust in you alone.

Only you, O God, and you alone, the broken heart console,
Only you, O God, and you alone, the wounded world make whole.

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Prayer:

Compassionate God- When the weight of the world feels too heavy to bear and deep running anger threatens to overwhelm us, hear us and help us. Lead us out of bitter silence and hurtful words, help us speak truth in love. Heal hearts set on vengeance, fill them instead with forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Show us how to see one another the way you see each of us, Beloved. Amen

Reading:

From Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Lecture

"This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all men...When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response which is little more than emotional bosh. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Moslem-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the First Epistle of Saint John:

Let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone
that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.¹

¹ This quote is from MLK's Nobel Peace Prize Lecture, December 11, 1964.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:20-26, 29-32 (Inclusive Bible Translation)

That is hardly the way you have learned from Christ, unless you failed to hear properly, when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which is being corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution, so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's likeness, in the justice and holiness of truth. Therefore, let's have no more lies. Speak truthfully to each other, for we are all members of one body. When you get angry, don't let it become a sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger. Be on your guard against foul speech. Say only what will build others up at that moment. Say only what will give grace to your listeners. Don't grieve the Holy Spirit, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all rage and anger, all harsh words, slander and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Song-Healing of the Nation/Candles

Prayer: Holy God, out of your great love for the world and for each of us, your Word became flesh that we may be reconciled to you and one another. Dismantle the walls that divide, end hostility, and let us proclaim peace to neighbors near and far. Rekindle in us the gift of the Spirit, illuminate the path forward to life in you, as one humanity. Through Christ, our Light, Amen.

Blessing/Sending

By your hands, may love be shared.
By your voice, may peace be spoken.
By your eyes, may beauty be seen.
By your ears, may truth be heard.
By your life may the song of Christ be sung!

Sending Song: "Christ Our Peace"



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, Come make us one bod - y in you.

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Postlude

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Worship Leaders

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