

Sharing the Dream

The Historic
Charles Street AME Church
and
Wellesley Village Church



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
1929-1968

Virtual Worship Service
Sunday, January 31, 2021, 10am

Our Partnership

In January 2000, The Historic Charles Street AME Church and Wellesley Village Church UCC worshipped together at Jordan Hall in Boston in the first "Sharing the Dream" service. Held on the Sunday just before the annual celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birth, the service was an active response to his remark "the most segregated hour of Christian America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning."

Each year since, the "Sharing the Dream" service has been held at one sanctuary or the other, and a deeper and richer partnership between both churches has developed. We have convened joint taskforces on issues of common interest; study groups have explored ways to join in mission; we have shared mission trips to Fumbelo in Africa and For His Children in Ecuador and to Washington DC and Philadelphia. When one of Village Church's pastors was out on medical leave, a Charles St. pastor served as the "Pastor on Call", and the Pastoral Residency Program began as a joint ministry with Charles Street AME and Village Church. To this day, personal friendships between members of both communities have matured and flourished. In 2018 we celebrated Charles Street's 200th Birthday with great joy.

Whenever or wherever we gather, whether in person or online, both congregations give thanks to God for the chance to worship together as one Body of Christ.



*Last year we welcomed our friends from
Congregational Church of Weston.
Today we are happy to have them join
us again to "share the dream" in a
reimagined way.*

We rejoice that God makes more of us together, even virtually, than we can be apart.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	“Festival Tocatta” David Carrier, organ	<i>Percy Fletcher</i>
GREETINGS		Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter & Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.
OPENING HYMN	“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” Wellesley Village Church Sanctuary Choir, voice David Carrier, organ	
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Rev. Pam Emslie & Rev. Dr. Marjorie Jones
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Omari Aarons & Michaela McDonald
MUSIC SELECTION	“Come Ye Disconsolate” Patricia Corbett, voice	<i>Samuel Webbe</i>
FIRST CONVERSATION		Pathfinder Group
JAZZ COLLABORATION	“Isfahan” Greg Groover, Jr., tenor saxophone Ed Broms, piano	<i>Billy Strayhorn</i> <i>Duke Ellington</i>
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Numbers 13:25-31	Rev. Bob Feeny
FIRST SERMON	“Silence is Complicity”	Rev. Khaden Nurse
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	“Simple Gifts” Dooseon Woo, piano	<i>arr. Michele Murray</i>
SECOND CONVERSATION		Pathfinder Group

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

“The Greatest Man I Know”
Blake Canty & Tamera Corbett, voice

VaShawn Mitchell

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 11:45-54

Rev. Barbara A. Groover

SECOND SERMON

“Turning Point”

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“God Bless the Child”

Billie Holiday
Arthur Herzog, Jr.

Greg Groover, Jr., tenor saxophone
Ed Broms, piano

Them that's got shall have
Them that's not shall lose
So the Bible said and it still is news
Mama may have, Papa may have
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own
Yes, the strong get smart
While the weak ones fade
Empty pockets don't ever make the grade
Mama may have, Papa may have
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own
Money, you've got lots of friends
They're crowding around the door
But when you're gone and spending ends
They don't come no more
Rich relations give crusts of bread and such
You can help yourself, but don't take too much
Mama may have, Papa may have
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own
Mama may have, Papa may have
But God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own
He just don't worry 'bout nothing, 'cause he's got his own

THIRD CONVERSATION: Call to the Journey

Saturday Group

YOUTH SELECTION

"I Will Follow"

Chris Tomlin

Ashna Hille, Alex Hoskyns, voice
Dr. Kevin McDonald, piano

PRAYERS FOR THE JOURNEY

Rev. Sharel Roberson
& Rev. Diane Seaborn

DOXOLOGY

Wellesley Village Church Sanctuary Choir
Congregational Church of Weston Choir

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.
Amen.**

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter &
Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.

CLOSING HYMN

"We Shall Overcome"
Makeysha Montgomery, voice

Traditional Spiritual

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome someday.

- 1. We are not afraid....*
- 2. We'll walk hand in hand...*
- 3. God is on our side...*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Khaden Nurse &
Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

PRAISEFUL POSTLUDE *"We Shall Overcome"* Instrumental
Greg Groover, Jr. & Tyrone Sutton

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*After worship please join the Zoom coffee hour hosted by Charles St. A.M.E. at approximately 11am.
The link may be found by clicking on the button below
or in the church website or Enews.*

[Zoom Coffee Hour Hosted by Charles St. A.M.E >](#)

Invitation to a Watch Party of the Boston Arts Academy concert

Tonight, 6:00pm

Charles St A.M.E. invites us to a Watch Party of the Boston Arts Academy concert! Greg Groover, Jr., Interim Music Dept. Co-chair for the "Us, Now!" series. Theme: racial reconciliation, social justice and Black Lives Matter. This will be a wonderful way to close our "Sharing the Dream" day together. [To join this webinar, please click here.](#)



Greetings Seniors! Please join us for our next Seniors Connect gathering, coming up on Monday (note the new day)! Come join Rev. Diane Seaborn in this Zoom gathering to connect with others in an intentional community. It is a place to listen, share, laugh, and simply be together. We hope to see YOU! Monday, February 1 & 8 at 2pm! Please contact Diane at diane@wellesleyvillagechurch.org for the zoom link



Charles St AME Church and Wellesley Village Church invite you to join

PATHFINDERS:
WALKING TOWARD UNDERSTANDING

Learn more on Feb 6 @ 4 PM
zoom details in your church newsletter



2021 Wellesley Village Church Annual Meeting ~
Let's join together in Virtual Fellowship
Sunday, February 14th
After Worship via Zoom (approximately 11am)

We will celebrate, in the midst of a global pandemic, how our community has:

- **boldly reimagined worship,**
- **created intentional communities,**
- **promoted intergenerational ministry and**
- **compelled our service in God's beautiful and broken world.**

Together, we will listen for what God has planned for us in 2021 as new church leadership is called to serve.

To register for the Zoom annual meeting and to receive an electronic copy of the 2020 Annual Report and meeting, please visit our Enews or our church website.

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

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