



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT
January 18, 2021

THOUGHTS FROM REV. CYNTHIA –

On this Monday holiday when we remember Martin Luther King, Jr., and as we continue to pray for our nation, I invite each one who reads this newsletter to consider prayerfully these words written by Ted Loder, found in his book [My Heart in My Mouth](#) and entitled “Keep Us Faithful to Your Dream”:

*‘O God of all nations and peoples,
we are grateful for the dreams
of freedom, justice, and peace
forever spun by your Spirit
and focused by prophets in every age.*

*We are grateful that in our time
you call every man and woman
to lift up and live by that dream,
to embody it in our world by
walking the walk,
confessing our complicities
braving the work,
daring the confrontation,
exposing the lies,
singing our faith,
asking the questions,
raising the Cain,
making the sacrifices,
organizing the community,
easing the hate,
expanding the compassion,
enduring in humility,
risking the revolution of love,
and ratifying the “not for sale” sign on our souls.*

*We especially praise you this day
for the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
and for countless others down the ages
whose names are known and unknown,
and for those who yet lift up the dream and confirm it as yours,
who quicken the conscience of this country
and the human family around this globe,
whose courage and commitments,
vision and enthusiasm and joy
brace our spirits and fire our wills.*

*So we thank you and remember
and move boldly in the faith that,
however dark the nights,*

*however fearful the tyrannies of oppression,
however heavy the weight of arrogance,
we can yet be confident and buoyant in you and your promise
that one day justice will roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream
and peace abide in our hearts,
through this land,
on this earth
between brothers and sisters of every race
every nation, every faith, every orientation,
every generation, every wounded, wonderful
one and all of your human family.
Keep us faithful to that promise,
your dream,
and for Christ's sake, and for ours.
Amen.'*

In II Chronicles is recorded this word of the Lord God: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Let us pray, people of God, let us pray.

P.S. Our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, offered a message to the church regarding the happenings on January 6, 2021, in our nation's capital. If you would like to see the video or read the transcript of her message go to Disciples.org and click on "Dear Disciples January 7, 2021".

VISIONARY COUNCIL MEETING

The next scheduled visionary council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm. It will be in person in the fellowship hall or you can join on zoom.

10:30 am WORSHIP Online – www.championchristianchurch.org

January 24, 2021

Scripture: Mark 1:14-15

Sermon: "Repent/Believe"

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for those recovering in their health and our homebound.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Eve service, sharing their hearts with those who watched.

I would also like to thank those who worked behind the scene to make this service a reality: Jerry Hixenbaugh, for providing luminaries; Cara Lawson, for her support and help setting up and tearing down; and a special thanks to Casey Lewis, for taking my vision and bringing it to life.

