



# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR CELEBRATION

January 16, 2023 | 6:00 PM  
1201 Twombly Road, DeKalb



IN COLLABORATION WITH

Westminster Presbyterian Church | Rollo United Church of Christ | Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
The United Methodist Church of Sycamore | St Paul's Episcopal Church  
First Lutheran Church | Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb  
Salem Lutheran Church | 1st United Methodist Church | The Federated Church



# ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME.....Pastor Jonathan Crail  
*1st United Methodist Church DeKalb*

KING BIO .....Pastor Barbara  
*St. Paul Episcopal Church*

PRAYER .....Pastor David Fraccaro  
*Rollo United Church of Christ*

LITANY .....Pastor Molly Morris  
*Westminster Presbyterian Church*

SAXOPHONE SOLO ..... Jacob Slocum

KING READING - “THE THREE EVILS IN SOCIETY” .....Pastor Preston Fields  
*Salem Lutheran Church*

LIFT EVERY VOICE (CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #477)

KING READING - “GIVE US THE BALLOT” .....Pastor Elizabeth Mascall  
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church*

POEM .....Brooklyn Burks

KING READING - “LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL” .....Pastor Luis F. Reyes  
*United Methodist of Sycamore*

MUSIC MINISTRY .....Vincent Bland & Perfected Praise

KING READING - “I’VE BEEN TO THE MOUNTAINTOP” .....Rev. Desiree Bailey  
*New Hope Missionary Baptist Church*

MUSIC MINISTRY .....Vincent Bland & Perfected Praise

CALL TO ACTION .....Pastor Eric Ogi  
*Federated Church of Sycamore*

BENEDICTION.....Minister Julia Jones  
*Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb*

# MLK LITANY

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**Leader:** Martin Luther King Jr had a dream. The ideals of justice and freedom and the belief that all are created equal in the eyes of God are noble principles. But they are meaningless unless they become the personal possession of each one of us.

**People:** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent. I will struggle with myself. I will not rest until the dream of justice and freedom becomes my personal dream. I must realize that I am not an innocent bystander. I can help realize the dream by my action, or delay it by my inaction.

**Leader:** King's dream of a day when people from all races and nations, even the offspring of slaves and former slave owners, can sit at a table as brothers and sisters and find ways of transforming their differences into assets. That was King's dream, what is your dream?

**People:** My dream is one day soon I will find a way to stop just celebrating the dream and start living it. It must become a part of my daily life; or nothing much will change.

**Leader:** The dream is not about an ideal world; it is about the real world. King's poetic refrain, "I Have a Dream", is a call for us to remember the real world where injustice abounds.

**People:** When I am in the shelter of my home, I must remember the homeless. When I eat, I must remember the hungry. When I feel secure, I must remember the insecure. When I see injustice I must remember that it will not stop unless I stop it.

**Leader:** I have a dream!

**People:** We have a dream. We have a dream that the Holy Spirit will arouse in us that very flame of righteousness that caused Martin Luther King Jr to become a living sacrifice for the freedom and liberation of all of God's children. Then We will be able to resist racial injustice everywhere we see it, even within us.

