

Children's Blessing

The Dream that Never Ends

Eugene Blair

One: Come, let us slay the dreamer and see what becomes of his dream!

All: The dream has no end, so, if they slay the dreamer others will keep dreaming!

One: It is a dream about a place where one is judged by the content of one's character and not the color of his or her skin.

All: The dream has no end. So if they slay the dreamer, others will keep dreaming.

One: It is a dream of a nation where the necessities of life are a right, and no one goes without.

All: The dream has no end. So if they slay the dreamer, others will keep dreaming.

One: It is a dream of a nation where the earth's gifts and resources are not just for a special few, but all God has given us is held in sacred trust for all the peoples of the world.

All: The dream has no end. So if they slay the dreamer, others will keep dreaming.

One: It is a sacred dream, when fulfilled, we call all people out of the bleak and destitute midnight of racism and hatred, into the bright and glowing daybreak of freedom and justice for all. Lord, your servant Martin died for a never-ending dream. May we renew our commitment to the dream.

All: Though they slay the dreamer, the dream lives on in us and our children. Amen.

Eugene Blair is a clergy member of the Detroit Annual Conference, where he had served as the Director of the Office of African American Spiritual Formation.

Dr. Blair is a former Dean of the Upper Room Chapel.

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

Message

Prescriptions for Wholeness

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

***Praise**

Lead Me to the Cross

Savior I come. Quiet my soul, remember:
Redemption's hill,
where Your blood was spilled for my ransom.
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as lost.

Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees! Lord I lay me down.
Rid me of myself. I belong to You.
Lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, Human.
The word became flesh, bore my sin in death.
Now you're risen! Everything I once held dear
I count it all as lost.

Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees! Lord I lay me down.
Rid me of myself. I belong to You.
Lead me, lead me to the cross.

To your heart, To your heart
Lead me to your heart, Lead me to your heart

The Example - Compassion

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Invitation

Offering

Call My Name

It's been so long since you felt like you were loved.
So what went wrong? But do you know
there's a place where you belong, here in My Arms.

Chorus: When you feel like you're alone in your sadness
It seems like no one else in this whole world cares
And you want to get away from the madness
You just call My name and I'll be there
You just call My name and I'll be there

The pain inside has erased your hopeful love.
Soon you will find that I'll give you all
that your heart could ever want, and so much more.

Chorus

You just call My name
You just call My name

Call my name, say it now; I want you to never doubt.
The love I have for you is so alive.
Call my name, say it now; I want you to never doubt.
The love I have for you is so alive.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praying with a Partner

Find someone to share your prayers with. Let someone carry your
prayer with them, as you carry their prayer in your heart.

"How can I pray for you this week?

Please pray for me this week..."

**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Human Relations Day
11 am - January 15, 2017

We Gather Together

Welcome!

Today is Human Relations Day. Human Relations Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. United Methodists celebrate Human Relations Day on the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Gathering Music

*Praise and Thanksgiving to God

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice, for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

We Take the Word into the World

***Praise**

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Won't you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the shadow of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

***Blessing**

Sending Forth Music

We Take the Word into the World

***Praise**

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Won't you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the shadow of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

***Blessing**

Sending Forth Music



E C I Y A B G F I V V S
R E M E M B R A N C E S
D T Y D F U C A A G G E
N A Q T K R C I R U T E
E N E F I I E E V A S L
R I X M R L G E R I I T
E M L F A A A T D B L C
V I A E T N S U E O P E
E R Y E A N C R Q E M P
R C W I O D T I A E Q S
G S Q M C Y E C P F B E
A I E P S M E R G A T R
J D M R B O Y C O T T W
U T S E T O R P C M C E
S D I J N A C I R E M A
T R C U R I G H T S A Z
I E A D S P E E C H R Q
C A R I R E H T U L T N
E M C C G N I K X G I Q
H E G E G N E I C F N U

AFRICAN
AMERICAN
BOYCOTT
CIVIL RIGHTS
DEMONSTRATE
DISCRIMINATE
DREAM
EMACIPATE
EQUALITY
FREEDOM
JUSTICE
LEADER
LIBERTY
MARTIN LUTHER KING
PEACE
PREJUDICE
PROTEST
RACISM
REMEMBRANCE
RESPECT
REVEREND
RIGHTS
SEGREGATE
SPEECH



E C I Y A B G F I V V S
R E M E M B R A N C E S
D T Y D F U C A A G G E
N A Q T K R C I R U T E
E N E F I I E E V A S L
R I X M R L G E R I I T
E M L F A A A T D B L C
V I A E T N S U E O P E
E R Y E A N C R Q E M P
R C W I O D T I A E Q S
G S Q M C Y E C P F B E
A I E P S M E R G A T R
J D M R B O Y C O T T W
U T S E T O R P C M C E
S D I J N A C I R E M A
T R C U R I G H T S A Z
I E A D S P E E C H R Q
C A R I R E H T U L T N
E M C C G N I K X G I Q
H E G E G N E I C F N U

AFRICAN
AMERICAN
BOYCOTT
CIVIL RIGHTS
DEMONSTRATE
DISCRIMINATE
DREAM
EMACIPATE
EQUALITY
FREEDOM
JUSTICE
LEADER
LIBERTY
MARTIN LUTHER KING
PEACE
PREJUDICE
PROTEST
RACISM
REMEMBRANCE
RESPECT
REVEREND
RIGHTS
SEGREGATE
SPEECH