

Riverside United Methodist Church

1201 North Wheeling Avenue, Muncie, Indiana

January 19, 2020 Human Relations Sunday 9:30am

** The people will rise in body or Spirit

Ministers and Missionaries: Everyone
Main Door Host: Herb Blank
Inside Door Host: Karen Blank
Liturgist: Amy Clevenger
Music/Worship Leader: Rebecca Dorn
Piano: Daniel Kuhn
Organ: Julia Pittenger
Chimes: Kay Rankin
Child Care: Carol Janney, Mary Schumacher
Ushers: Alan McGee, Dick Murray
Jack Richardson, Larry Souders
Joe Speece

Wisdom Seekers, 8:30 am, Main Level, Room 203

Leader: Florence Shelby

Topic: God's Promises

Master's Charges, following worship, Upper Level, 302

Leader(s): Class Members

Nursery & Toddler, Main Level, Room 202

Our nursery is available

from 9:15 until 10:45 for children up to 5 years old.

Riverside UMC Staff

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Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Rev. Keith A. Turner

****Processional Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

**Invocation

Rev. Keith A. Turner

Gathering the Community

**Exchange of Peace

Modern Lesson from *I've Been to the Mountaintop* Amy Clevenger
by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special Music

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Rebecca Dorn, soloist – Daniel Kuhn Accompanist

Pastoral Prayer

****Gradual** *We Shall Overcome* UMH 533

****Gospel Reading** John 1:29-42 Rev. Keith A. Turner

****Response** *We Shall Overcome vs 4*

Sermon 2020 Vision: People Who Seek Rev. Keith A. Turner

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Follow the Drinking Gourd* Rev. Keith A. Turner

The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn during Communion *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

**Prayer of Thanksgiving

****Closing Hymn** *The Summons* TFW'S 2130

**Benediction

Rev. Keith A. Turner

Sending Music

I've Been to the Mountaintop

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

It's all right to talk about "long white robes over yonder," in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here. It's all right to talk about "streets flowing with milk and honey," but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preachers must talk about the New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do. We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles, we don't need any Molotov cocktails, we just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, "God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

In the thick of the American Civil War, southern slaves traveled to the North, seeking freedom, via the Underground Railroad. Escaping slavery was highly dangerous and was to risk one's life. Many African American spirituals and folk songs were code maps and timetables for the Underground Railroad that were easily memorized and singable. Today's offertory, *Follow the Drinking Gourd*, details the route from Mobile, Alabama to Illinois in code language with every step leading back to the "drinking gourd," which was the hollowed out gourd used as a water dipper but stood for the Big Dipper, which points to Polaris, the Pole Star, and the North.

Events This Week

Monday	1/20	CPM SUPPLY BAGS DUE
Monday	1/20	7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday	1/21	9:00 am Bibles & Bagels
Tuesday	1/21	7:00 pm `Close Knit Friends

Mission Sunday - -THANK YOU!

Last Sunday's M&M collection was \$764.06 – wonderful way to start our 2020 Mission projects! You may contribute to Missions any time, but indicate Missions on your check. You are making a difference in people's lives around the world as we learned from Ken Vance on Sunday.

**Covenant Partner Supply Bags
Commitment – Week 2**

Last week, you committed to **40** Covenant Partner supply bags and \$25+ for purchases each month. We are so close to our goal of 50+ bags throughout 2020. If you would like to add to our total please indicate on the **CONNECT CARD** today how you are able to support this ministry. Thank you for your giving spirit and generosity.

“SOUPER” Bowl Sunday is almost here!

Remember to bring your cans of soup through Sunday, Feb. 2 for the Food Pantry.

Walk-a-Mile

Saturday, February 8

Meeting at the Fieldhouse @ 8:00 am