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**Order of Service**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**Sounding of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Invocation:** *MLK: Rare Interview*

**Opening Hymn:** *#149 Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**Welcome**

**Prayer**

**Placing the Stones**

 You are invited to place a stone in our chalice bowl.

**Lighting the Chalice**

With hope to make this a better world, we light this flame.
Its light is a symbol of the power of love.

**Doxology by Isaac Watts**

From all that dwell below the skies, let songs of hope and faith arise,
Let peace, good will on earth be sung, through every land, by every tongue.

**Lesson:** *Let the Children March*

**Anthem** (1st Service)**:** *I Dream a World* by Langston Hughes/Andre J. Thomas

**Sermon Part I:** *Three Mothers: Building This House Towards More Justice* by Rev. Chris Long

**Reading:** *Excerpt from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”* by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

**Hymn:** *We Will Build This House* by Sally Rogers

**Sermon Part II:** *Beloved Community Builders*

**Offertory:** Our **January** shared offering goes to **Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants**.

**Reading:** *Excerpt from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”*

**Sermon Part III:** *How this Church Continues to Show Up*

**Hymn:** *#1040 Hush*

**Reading:** *Excerpt from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”*

**Sermon Conclusion:** *MLK: Religious Organizing for the 21st Century*

**Closing Hymn:** *Heart Wide Open* by Lea Morris

**Benediction:** *Excerpt from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”*

**Postlude**

Flowers provided by **Liz Hamlin** in memory of her brother Jackie Carr.