

Weekly Calendar

- Sun, Jan 18** 11:00am **Sunday Worship** - Haywood, Lopez & Tekelioglu
12:30pm **Linger Lunch**
12:30pm **New Member Class**
12:45pm **Handbell Rehearsal**
7:00pm **Crafting Group**
- Mon, Jan 19** 9:00am **Walking Women**
11:00am **MLK Day of Action** at 9th St. and Market St.
11:00am **Community Fridge Cooking**
12:00pm **Neighbors Table Brunch**
12:00pm **GREAT Beloved Community Event**
- Wed, Jan 21** 1:30pm **Bible Study**
- Thu, Jan 22** 7:00pm **Choir Rehearsal**
- Sat, Jan 24** 6:30pm **Mental Health Open Mic Night**
- Sun, Jan 25** 9:30am **Adult Academy**
11:00am **Sunday Worship** - Pastor Alisa preaching
12:30pm **Linger Lunch**
12:30pm **New Member Class**
12:45pm **Handbell Rehearsal**
2:00pm **PA IPL Convocation** via Zoom
- Mon, Jan 26** 9:00am **Walking Women**
11:00am **Community Fridge Cooking**
6:30pm **New Women's Group** at Pastor Alisa's

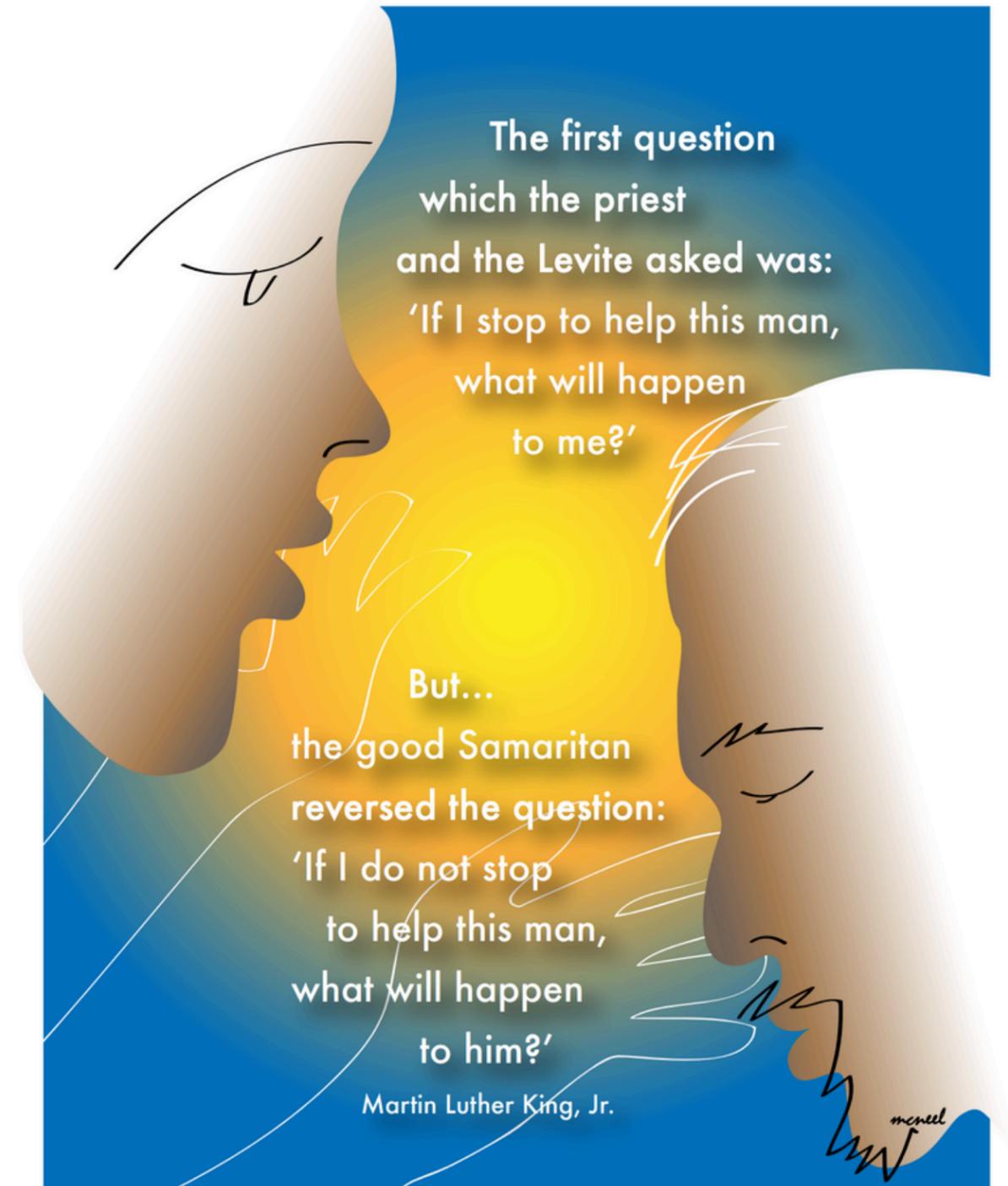
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The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our commitment by working together, taking risks for social justice and peace in our community, our city, our nation, and our world.

Lead Pastor Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo • **Interim Pastor of Spiritual Connection** Rev. Stephen Heilakka
Office Administrator Michael Yancey • **Director of Music** Adrianna Barnett • **Organist/Pianist** Jodi Acker Bohr
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 • 11 AM

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, January 18, 2026 11:00AM

Welcome To All Coming To Worship!

All people of all ages are invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church. We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God. Congregational responses are in bold type.

AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Welcome & Acknowledgements

As a faith congregation, we acknowledge that this is a pivotal moment in American history and that our mission is clearly laid out in the Gospel of Jesus.

We acknowledge our mission to:

- seek justice for black and brown people of all genders and orientations
- dismantle systems of bias and racism
- call out those who protect the power of state-sponsored violence against black and brown bodies,
- and re-center the voices of the marginalized of our community and society.

We acknowledge our part in perpetuating white norms of language, style, worship, behavior, and culture, and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the truth that Black Lives Matter.

We acknowledge that this service of worship is being held on the traditional lands of the Lenape people, and we pay respect to elders past and present.

We affirm the sacredness of Native people, their languages, their cultures and their gifts to the church and the world.

Carillon Prelude

Janet Tebbel

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

arr. J. Gouwens

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

arr. L. Lonie

Shalom Chavarim

arr. M. Polka

Precious Lord

Thomas Dorsey, arr. J. Courter

I'll Overcome Some Day

C.A. Findlay, arr. M. Myhre

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J.R. Johnson, arr. J. Courter

Prelude

Jodi Bohr

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas Dorsey

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

Leader: We gather in the truth Dr. King named:
we belong to one another.

**People: Bound in a single garment of destiny,
what touches one touches all.**

Leader: We are woven together in an inescapable
network of mutuality.

People: What affects one, affects all.

Leader: We are designed by God for courageous,
risk-taking solidarity.

**People: We come to worship, ready to become
who we are meant to be—together.**

Leader: Let us worship with our minds stayed on
Jesus,

People: And join in God's freedom song.

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

AAHH 566 - "Woke Up This Morning"
(see insert)

Passing the Peace

*All young ones and young at heart are welcome to
come forward during this time for the children's
message: Stories That We Share.*

Connections and Announcements

Stories That We Share

Lisa Chapman

"One Night in Selma" by C. Richard Cox

Sung Response

UMH 519 - "Lift Every Voice and Sing" verse 1

Contemporary Reading

excerpt from *Why We Can't Wait*
by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Readings

Luke 10:25-28

John 2:13-16

(see insert for full text)

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 512 - "Stand By Me" verses 1-4

Panel Discussion

Sen. Art Haywood

Rev. Noé Gabriel Lopez

Dr. Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir

"No Weapon" by Fred Hammond

Doxology

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 94 - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offering Prayer

Holy One, Source of all we share:

We give thanks for these gifts—of money, of time, of care, of courage. Receive them as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to one another. In all we do, bind us together in generous, courageous solidarity. Amen.

FUMCOG Social Racial Justice Award

2026 Recipients:

Christine Schafer and Ken Weinstein

Presented by Ann Perrone, Beverly Lucas, Bill Ewing



Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

Total Praise, by Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from you
Your peace you give me in times of the storm
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you.
Amen.

Benediction

Sending Forth

TFWS 2226 - "Bind Us Together"

Postlude

Jodi Bohr

"We Shall Overcome" by Rev. Charles Tindley



*The altar flowers this Sunday are in memory of Cecil and
Arlene Smith, parents of Mark Smith.*

*Thank you for joining in worship today. You are also invited
to Pilling Hall immediately following the postlude for
Linger Lunch and a celebratory reception for Christine
Schafer and Ken Weinstein.*

Cover design by Bruce McNeel

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Jodi Bohr, piano & organ

Janet Tebbel, carillon

Gregg Mervine, drums



New Year, New Study!

This Spring in worship we will be focused on the Gospel of John and his unique way of inviting us into the radical ways of Jesus. If you want to go deeper than just the Sunday morning message, please plan to join us online any/every Wednesday at 1:30pm (tinyurl.com/zoomcog) for Bible Study where we will get the background of the text and wrestle together with how it applies to our lives. In addition to the scripture, we will rely on the Disciple Bible Curriculum Called "An Invitation to John." If you cannot do daytime and would still like a Bible Study, please also reach out to Pastor Alisa with any interest.

KIDS AT FUMCOG

All children are beloved and welcomed here. We offer three ways for your child(ren) to engage:

- * Join in the new "Nursery Ministry." All kids 6 and under are invited to join Ms. Lanette in Pilling Hall immediately following the Children's Message.
- * Enjoy a "Kid Activity Bag". Just ask an usher.
- * Play in the "Children's Space" in the Sanctuary's back corner.

We are so glad you and your family are here!

Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm

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Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, Jan 24
Mental Health Open Mic Night, 6:30pm
- Monday, Jan 26
New Women's Group, 6:30pm
- Saturday, Jan 31
We Walk by Faith event, 2pm
Philomusica Concert, 4pm
- Ash Wednesday, February 18
- Wednesday, Mar 11
Lenten Cluster Service at FUMCOG, 7pm

Want to Connect?

Use this QR code to access our link tree. From there, you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube, fill out an online connect card or easily reach our website: www.fumcog.org



If you're looking to do any of that while you're here, you can connect to wifi using the following: **WIFI: Fumcogsanc** **PW: FUMg3rm2020**



Please know that we are thinking about and praying with you.

For **Willie Little** who spent this past week in the hospital fighting an infection. He is now home recovering.

For all those killed, brutalized, or neglected by ICE.

For **C. Gloria Akers** and her transition to Sunrise Assisted Living in Columbia, MD closer to her daughter, Melanie.

For **Kat Grau's daughter** as she recovers from ankle and foot surgery

Prayers of healing for **Kim, Karima, Bridgette, Nate, Betty, & Joy.**

Prayers of comfort for the **Marshall family**, the **Byrd family**, **Isaac & the Carlton family.**

Prayers of clarity for **Diane, John, Williams, and Skyy.**

For **Donald Knotts**, who is healing from cancer.

For **Paul T.**, friend of the Stahls, following the death of his wife, Linda.

For **Pete Sullivan**, assistant Pastor of Christ Haven Church and Tim Gibson's friend. Pete's health has been getting worse.

For Barbara Mitchell's and Ruth Thornton's niece, **Elaine Crooks**, as she recovers from heart surgery.

For **children, youth, educators and parents** traumatized by ongoing school violence. As community members, may we work to change US laws to limit access to guns of war.

For **Katreise Ruffin**, who is recuperating from open-heart surgery.

For **Wayne Varnadore** who is improving each day.

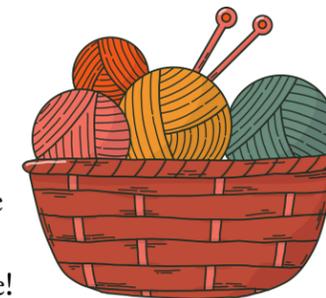
For Tim Gibson's aunt **Selma Cooper** who is sick.

For **Jean Young**, Barb Revere's longtime friend, from Omaha, Nebraska, as she's receiving treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

For **Ken Espejo**, who is recovering after his open-heart surgery.

FUMCOG Crafting Group

The FUMCOG knitting/crocheting group next meets **TONIGHT** on **Sunday, January 18** at 7:00pm in a Mt. Airy home just off Lincoln Drive. We make prayer shawls and/or baby blankets for church members and outreach. New members are encouraged so please contact Lucy Hill at phillyhills512@yahoo.com or Susan Tomlinson at susanStomlinson@gmail.com if interested. We hope to see you there!



Scripture Readings

Luke 10:25-28

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

John 2:13-16

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

Contemporary Reading

“Time itself is neutral; it can be used either destructively or constructively. More and more I feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to work to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.”

- from “Why We Can’t Wait”,
by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

2026 Recipients

Christine Schafer

Ken Weinstein

For 28 years, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, FUMCOG has awarded a FUMCOG or community member with the Social Racial Justice Award. This award is given in recognition of the work of an individual making a significant contribution toward the resolution of issues of injustice and the motivation of others to engage in this work. It has been the practice of the award committee, composed of former recipients of the award, to keep the name/s of the current year’s award recipient/s a secret until Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday. The committee has decided to revise that practice. So it is with great joy that we announce the 2026 Awardees as Christine Schafer and Ken Weinstein. Please join us for a reception following worship where we can personally thank them for their contributions toward resolving injustices.

**Previous Social and Racial
Justice Awardees**



- 1998 Rev. Theodore W. Loder
- 1999 Dick Cox
- 2000 Clarice Herbert
- 2001 Patricia Haff and Fred Clark
- 2002 Marion Taylor
- 2003 Wanda Lofton (awarded posthumously)
- 2004 Ray Torres
- 2005 Celeste Zappala, Richard Taylor, Susan Teegan Case
- 2006 Carol Clyde
- 2007 Anne and Bill Ewing
- 2008 Bill Siemering and Poco & Gene Gertler
- 2009 Karen Clark and Eileen Gilkenson
- 2010 Donna Miller and Barbara Mitchell
- 2011 Beverly Lucas
- 2012 Phyllis Strock
- 2013 Terri McNamara
- 2014 Huntly Collins
- 2015 John & Lisa Chapman
- 2016 Ann Perrone
- 2017 John Riggan
- 2018 Rachel Falcove
- 2019 Chloe Tomlinson and Nick Claxton
- 2020 David & Marion Brown
- 2021 Willie & Violet Little and Sylvia Bolden
- 2022 Rev. Bob Coombe
- 2023 Alan Symonette and Chantay Love
- 2024 Father Joseph Philippe
- 2025 Page Morahan and Mark Smith



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BREAKING THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA IN THE BIPOC COMMUNITY

Mental Health Awareness

OPEN MIC NIGHT

JANUARY 24, 2026

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6:30PM-9:30PM**



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A MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS OPEN MIC NIGHT

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Saturday, January 24, 2026

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

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GREAT'S 7TH ANNUAL BELOVED COMMUNITY EVENT FOR DR. KING DAY

19 JAN 2026

FROM 12PM-3PM

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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6001 GERMANTOWN AVENUE**

Now is the time to act for affordable housing in Germantown

Participate in knowledge & resource sharing, group activities, and networking with other Germantown housing justice advocates.

- Learn about GREAT's Housing Justice Values
- What is affordable housing? Who needs it?
- How do we bring more affordable housing to Germantown?
- How do we keep our neighbors in their homes?
- How do we create a Beloved Community for all?

Learn more at greatgtown.org

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INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

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Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light Annual Convening with Valerie Kaur

Join PA IPL for the Love Your Neighbor, Love Your World: Annual Convening on **January 25th from 2-4pm**. Together we will explore topics related to faith, revolutionary love, and justice.

We are very excited to invite Valerie Kaur for a special fireside chat! **Valarie Kaur** is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author of *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*. After this, we'll hear from a panel fireside chat reflecting on 10 years of *Laudato Si!* Then, Monday January 26th through Thursday January 29th, PA IPL will be hosting workshops on each evening at 7pm! Topics include trees, community organizing skills, pollinators, and love! Learn more and register: <https://qrco.de/ACB25>



GET YOUR TICKETS TO OUR UPCOMING CONCERT:

COMING TO AMERICA

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 4:00PM

We are excited to begin our special series of choral tributes to America's 250th birthday later this month with a celebration of composers who immigrated to America or are the children of these immigrants. Visit PhilomusicaChorale.org for tickets and more information on the concert series.



Cooking with Our Neighbors

Germantown Community Fridges are a 24/7 mutual aid resource that helps combat food insecurity and food waste in Philadelphia, specifically in the Germantown neighborhood. FUMCOG is blessed to host a fridge under our High St. porch and cook together. This year we put over 13,000 fresh cooked meals into the Fridge! Come on **January 19th** at 11am to help us make delicious meals for our neighbors. Reach out to germantownfridge@gmail.com for more information and cooking times.



We Walk by Faith Event

As we move through this season remembering the life and witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this gathering offers space to ground ourselves in faith that is both reflective and active. We will meet with other United Methodist churches at Paoli UMC from 2pm-4pm to reconnect, reflect, and discern together how we are being called to respond in this moment. We'll explore why we act as people of faith, where we are being invited to show up in our communities, and how we move forward through mutual aid, organizing, and shared commitment. There will be light refreshments, intentional conversation, and time to strengthen relationships across our churches and justice efforts.

You can register using the link in Hot Topics for this **January 31st** event.



Event Location: Paoli United Methodist Church
81 Devon Rd., Paoli, PA 19301.

New Women's Group

Would you like to connect with other young/middle aged women at FUMCOG? We have many wonderful women, both new to the church and long-timers, who can't do daytime gatherings but would still love to connect for study, service, food, friendship, support... you name it. Pastor Alisa is hosting a gathering at her house simply to meet each other and explore interest in a regular monthly group. She'd love to hear what you are thinking or would like to see here at FUMCOG. So please come, **Monday, January 26** at 6:30 pm and email [Alisa\(wailoo@fumcog.org\)](mailto:Alisa(wailoo@fumcog.org)) for directions.

ICE Raid Hotline

Juntos, a Latine community organizing group, has a community-run rapid response hotline for folks who witness an ICE raid. Please share widely with your friends and neighbors: (814) 205-3293.



WOKE UP THIS MORNIN' 566

Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace— in peace because they trust in You.
Isaiah 26:3

1. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
2. No con - dem - na - tion with my mind, stayed on
3. Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

Je - sus. Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
free - dom. No con - dem - na - tion with my mind,
Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

Woke up this morn - in' with my mind,
stayed on Je - sus. No con - dem - na - tion with my mind,
free - dom. Walk - in' and talk - in' with my mind,
mind, my mind was

stayed on Je - sus. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.
free - dom.

Text: Congregational Praise Song

Tune: WITH MY MIND, 12 12 12 with hallelujahs; Congregational Praise Song, arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curran, b.1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

MLK Day of Action

March to Stop ICE Raids

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