

The Service of Commemoration

*The Litany of Unity

Bishop William H. Graves

- Leader: As we gather here today, 30 years after the death of the “dreamer,” we realize that both fate and history have placed us here. Historically, we stand at the doors of the 21st century. Fatefully, we stand at the gates of our own destinies. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
- People: Because we have not been faithful keepers of the dream, we are faced with the nightmare of man’s inhumanity to man. Because we have not been makers of history, we are destined to relive our mistakes.
- Leader: Our world is a neighborhood, and there is a destiny that makes us ALL brothers. We must unite in a new movement to defeat our common foes, to change both people and institutions. We can free others only by first freeing ourselves of hatred and bigotry. U – N – I – T – Y. I am my brother’s keeper and more.
- People: We must measure ourselves by our willingness to get involved in the fight for human rights and reconciliation. Standing on the shoulders of our forefathers and shoulder to shoulder with each other, every step we take is a victory over injustice, discrimination and humiliation.
- Leader: We must awaken to complete the revolution. Looking to our past for spiritual inspiration, to our future for hope, and within ourselves for action; with LOVE as our watchword and with RESPECT as our password, we can ensure a world for our children and for their children’s children.
- People: PRO-LOVE; PRO-HOPE; PRO-PEOPLE; ALL PEOPLE!
U – N – I – T – Y. I am my brother’s keeper and more.
- Unison: Today we recommit ourselves to the challenges of eradicating racism and poverty and replacing them with humaneness, equality and unity. We pledge (Unity Pledge) to become warriors for peace, to make his dream our reality. We cannot wait; all our tomorrows depend on today.

(contributed by Millicent Cade Hoskin)

Tribute to Martin
“Precious Lord”

Dr. William Hurd, Saxophonist
Marra Marshall, Interpretive Dancer

The Ministry of Music

The Pilgrimage Choir

Donald O’Connor, Conductor

The Scriptures

The Old Testament
The New Testament

The Reverend Dr. Don Argue
Bishop H.H. Brookins