

Worship of Mission Action Day
Themes of Maternal Health and Racial Equity

Leader: Open in prayer

All: Amos 5:24: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

All: Sing *God, May Your Justice Roll Down* (Tune of "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

God, may your justice roll down like the waters you send here,
And may your righteousness flow like a stream without end here!
Praying this prayer, many have struggled and dared,
All for the world you intend here.

Christ, we give thanks for past saints who renewed education,
Freed the oppressed, brought your healing and fought segregation.
Savior and Lord, great were the risks they endured,
Bearing your hope and salvation.

We as your church now remember these stories of others
And pray your Spirit will send us, as your sons and daughters.
Show us the way we, too, can serve you each day
Till justice rolls down like waters.

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Litany From Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Entitled *Shake Us From Our Slumber*

Leader: When our eyes do not see the gravity of racial justice,
Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes, O Lord.

**All: When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,
Give us a spirit of bravery, O Lord.**

Leader: When we try our best but say the wrong things,
Give us a spirit of humility, O Lord.

**ALL: When the chaos of this dies down,
Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O Lord.**

Leader: When it becomes easier to point fingers outwards,
Help us to examine our own hearts, O Lord.

**ALL: God of truth, in your wisdom, Enlighten Us.
God of hope in your kindness, Heal Us.
Creator of All People, in your generosity, Guide Us.**

Leader: Racism breaks your heart,
break our hearts for what breaks yours, O Lord.

ALL: Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith.

Leader: As we continue this morning, our speakers will be sharing some opportunities for you to respond in action. A list of **Action Items** will be provided. Be thinking of what one action you might choose. You are encouraged to jot it down when the Lord speaks to your heart!

