

April 4, 2017

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Although the nation celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. in January, it is far more common for the Church to commemorate saints on the date of their death, and today marks the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. King's assassination.

As we remember his life and witness, we also remember the power of King's words, and his call, grounded in faith, to justice, peace and equality:

*I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant...*

*A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom...*

*The ultimate measure of a man is not where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where we stand at times of challenge and controversy....*

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that....*

See you in church,  
Andrew