UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING  
Memorial Hall  
Monday, April 8, 1968

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP ............ Howard Rabinowitz

HYMN: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on.

Chorus: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
       Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
       Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
       His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have built him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim of flaring lamps.
His day is marching on.

Chorus

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is setting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 1:10-17 .... Howard Rabinowitz

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Corinthians 12:31-13:13 ... John Huston

HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" .... Marinda McPherson

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S VISION: A LITANY .... James Robert Wagoner

Leader: ... and overwhelming responsibility.
       ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... its rides at night.
       ALL BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... all white people.
       ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... injustices in our society.
       ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... with an evil system.
       ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... and brothers at will;
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... brothers and sisters;
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... an affluent society;
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... difficult to wait.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... man's inhumanity to man.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: is their God?
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE WERE WE?
Leader: ... yhey know is right.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE ARE WE?
Leader: ... children of men.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE ARE WE?
Leader: ... be more redempitive.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE ARE WE?
Leader: ... continue to love you.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN, WHERE ARE WE?
Leader: ... still love you.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BLACK MAN
Leader: ... a double victory.
    ALL: BLACK MAN, BROTHER, FORGIVE US.
Leader: ... meaning of its creed:
    ALL: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL
    MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL." WE HAVE A DREAM TODAY.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison). . . . . . . . . . . . . Banks Godfrey

    O Merciful God, the Sender of Moses, Amos, Jesus, and Paul; forgive
us dismay at our shock; we knew what would happen; we did not do more; we
did not do better. Receive Thou the minds, the bodies, and the spirits of
ourselves and our neighbors, both riven with destruction: in deed, in word,
in imagination. For it is in omissions of spirit that we have sinned, and it
is in our very pride as American men and women that we are fallen.

    Rebuild from our ashes a world of Thy peace and Thy justice. Give us
the wisdom to be compassionate for the sake of all men's fulfillment; the grace
to temper patience with the speed of justice; and the freedom to reconstruct an
earth according to Thy measure, on behalf of every suffering stranger, every
growing child, and every rejected lover. Teach us to hate the hateful in our-
selves. Renew Thou the streets of our cities and of our lives. In the Name
of the One who frees us to love. Amen.
A CONTEMPORARY INSTRUCTION FOR FORGIVEN MEN from Rainer Maria
Rilke's Journal of My Other Self

CLOSING HYMN: "We Shall Overcome"

We shall overcome.
We shall overcome.
We shall overcome someday.
O deep in my heart,
I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

2.
We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace someday.
O deep in my heart,
I do believe
We shall live in peace someday.

3.
The truth will make us free.
The truth will make us free.
The truth will make us free someday.
O deep in my heart,
I do believe
The truth will make us free someday.

4.
We are not afraid.
We are not afraid.
We are not afraid today.
O deep in my heart,
I do believe
We are not afraid today.

5.
Black and white together,
Black and white together.
Black and white together someday.
O deep in my heart,
I do believe
Black and white together someday.

6.
We shall overcome.
We shall overcome.
We shall overcome someday.
O deep in my heart,
I do believe
We shall overcome someday.
The following petition is being circulated on the campus and in the Chapel Hill community for signatures before the 7:30 meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight:

"In the spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King we, the undersigned legal residents of Chapel Hill, urgently request the Board of Aldermen to pass as soon as possible an enforceable open housing ordinance."

Copies of this petition are available for signing outside Memorial Hall. Your help is needed in circulating the petition for signatures door to door in Chapel Hill this afternoon. Volunteers will meet at the Morehead Sundial at 12:45 today -- for two hours or more of work.