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Living the Dream: Let Freedom Ring

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration
and
Bolinga Center 17th Anniversary
January 15, 1988
11 am, Upper Hearth Lounge
University Center



"I Have a Dream"

. . . I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American Dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed; "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exhalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning My country, tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing, Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims pride, From ev'ry mountainside, Let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So, let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvacious slopes of California.

But not only that, let freedom ring from the Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi and every mountainside.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual. Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.

Program

Processional—Gospel Ensemble

Emcee Nan-c L. Moss, President, NAACP

Welcome Evette Jackson, President, ABBS

Invocation Rev. Thailleyon J. Lester

Opening Selection Gospel Ensemble

Historical Significance

Bolinga Center Anniversary
King Birthday Celebration

Musical Selection Gospel Ensemble

“Reflections on
Living the Dream” Alpha Phi Alpha
Kappa Alpha Psi
Phi Beta Sigma

We Shall Overcome Audience

Benediction

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, We shall overcome.

We shall overcome, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,

We'll walk hand in hand some day,

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome some day.

The truth will make us free, the truth will make us free

The truth will make us free some day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome some day.

Following the program, films on the life of Dr. King will be shown:

“I Have a Dream”

“From Montgomery to Memphis”

NAACP, Wright State University Chapter

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