Martin Luther King, Jr. Service of Remembrance and Celebration

January 16, 2022
5:00 p.m.
Skinner Memorial Chapel via Zoom
Carleton College
Order of Service

Words of Welcome Aiana Whitfield ‘23

Choral Anthem: Murder on the Road to Alabama Carleton Choir


Reading: Selection from Dr Martin Luther King Jr’s Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence sermon, given on April 4, 1967 Darryl York ‘23

Introduction of Rev. Earl Neil ’57 Taia Bush ‘24

Reflection: “From Dream to Reality” Rev. Earl Neil ‘57

Pastoral Prayer Earl Neil

Choral Anthem: Amazing Grace Carleton Choir

Benediction Rev. Carolyn Fure-Slocum

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Thank you, everyone, for attending tonight’s service! A special thank you goes to the Reverend Earl Neil ‘57 for his reflections. Father Neil devoted his life and work to furthering civil rights causes in inner-city Episcopal congregations in Wichita, Kansas, Chicago, Illinois, and Oakland, California, as well as the wider Episcopal church in New York City and Washington, D.C. During a sabbatical leave from 1990-1993, he worked on the staff of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, helping to prepare for the first democratic elections in South Africa. Father Neil has since retired to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he lives with his wife, daughter, and grandson.

Our thanks also go to the Carleton Choir and their director, Dr. Matthew Olson, for sharing their beautiful gift of music.
We are also grateful to the Black Student Alliance (BSA) leaders for helping to plan and lead the service and to our readers.

And the Chapel staff are grateful for the help of the PEPS/ITS staff, Matt, Dann, Alex, and others, for helping to make this service happen one way or another!