



"IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN,
IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK,
IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN CRAWL,
BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE
TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
(1929-1968)

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The Town of Amherst
Human Rights Commission

Looking Back

To Move

Forward

Celebrates
The Legacy of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 4:00 pm
Front Steps Town Hall

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) in 1899 and set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954) in 1900.

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met
Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget
Thee.

Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

2020 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program

Opening Remarks: Matthew Charity,
Human Rights Commission Chair

Reading of the 2020 MLK Proclamation:
Amherst Town Council

Bell Ringing Ceremony: Town of Amherst Facilities

Candle light March to Woodbury Room, Jones Library

Guest Speaker Kathleen Anderson,
Community Leader

Community Reading of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Speeches

Community Dialogue

Closing Community Song:
“Lift Every Voice and Sing” **Lead by:** Serta Whitney

Book Collection provided by: Linda Wentworth

Refreshments provided by: Friends of the Jones Library