Lift Every Voice
(The Negro National Anthem)

By James Weldon Johnson

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 have 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 has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has 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.

The Afro-American Historical Association
of the Niagara Frontier

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Program

Virtual Program

Sunday, January 17, 2021, 3:00 P.M

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The program today will feature Yohuru Williams, Ph.D., Distinguished University Chair and Professor of History and Founding Director of Racial Justice Initiative at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. from Howard University in 1998. His topic will be: “Finding the Strength to Love: Remembering Martin King Jr. in the age of Black Lives Matter.” Dr. Williams is a noted scholar of the civil rights and Black power movement, an education activist and frequent national commentator. He is an important voice on the topics of race and social justice.


PROGRAM

Musical Interlude
Mistress of Ceremonies
   Barbara Nevergold, Ph.D.
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Invocation
   Bishop T. Anthony Bronner, Ph.D.
Welcome
   W. Charles Brandy, President AAHANF
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   Lillian Williams, Ph.D.
Presentation
   Yohuru Williams, Ph.D.
Questions and Answers
Benediction
   Rev. Corey B. Gibson, M.DIV
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