Check out these liturgical resources for crafting your own context-appropriate celebration:

- Presbyterian Peacemaking liturgy for Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration
- Presbyterian Church Racial-Ethnic Liturgy for Martin Luther King Day
- Liturgy for Race Relations Sunday

The African-American Lectionary has sermon Helps, Prayers, and Quotations

- The United Church of Christ's Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Liturgy. Click on this item listed in the left column under Season of Epiphany for an .rtf

- The Text This Week lists other helpful resources for preachers and worship leaders: MLK Quotations You May Use Liturgically

Audio and slide show of The “I Have a Dream” Speech, August 28, 1963, March on Washington, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC. You can find the full, printable text of the speech here.

**Affirmation of Faith**  
(from A Brief Statement of Faith, A Confession of the PCUSA)

...We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. …

**Prayers**

Great God over us all, destroy prejudice that turns us against one another. Teach us that we are all children of your love, whether we are black or red or white or yellow. Encourage us to live together, loving one another in peace, so that someday a golden race of people may inhabit the world in peace together, giving praise to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*, 795-96)

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*BCW*, 796)

**Let the Service Continue**

Our worship services are meant to continue once we leave the sanctuary in worshipful service to humanity and creation as Christ’s body on earth. Therefore, you may wish to call the congregation to participate in the *Martin Luther King Day of Service*. While a national movement, its ideals, like those of The Rev. Dr. King, are in keeping with our Christian principles.