

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
CELEBRATION IN MEMORY OF
THE LIFE AND VISION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 16, 2023
Wallingford Town Hall
Robert F. Parisi Town Council Chambers
45 South Main Street, Wallingford - 10:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies The Honorable Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

The Star Spangled Banner – Lilly Bazinet, Bailey Carroll, Sarah Conant, Anthony D’Antonio, Pablo Dominguez Solis, Kaya Grimes, Niamh Lynch, and Kiera Montgomery, – Members of the *Vivace Chorus* - Lyman Hall High School

Pledge of Allegiance Peter Walsh and Henry Walsh, Members of Boy Scout Troop 4

Opening Prayer Reverend Dean Warburton, Retired, Senior Minister
First Congregational Church of Wallingford

Poem – Debora Kuan, Poet Laureate of Wallingford

Video – *Martin Luther King, Jr. – Minister & Civil Rights Activist | Biography*

Chorus – New Ensemble – Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Oliver Archer

Essay Reading

By Mark T. Sheehan High School Student – William Totz

Welcoming Remarks Danielle Bellizzi
Superintendent of Schools

Essay Reading

By Mark T. Sheehan High School Student – Julia Ludovico

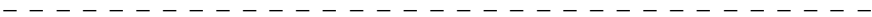
Chorus – *New Ensemble* - Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church

Essay Reading

By Mark T. Sheehan High School Student – Joel Dominguez

Remarks from Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

We Shall Overcome - Chorus – *New Ensemble* - Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church



Student Essays/Poems

Pond Hill: Olivia Kenworthy, Ellie Moneta, Alliannah Northrop, Bryan Palmer, Luca Santore and Thomas Whitehouse

Rock Hill: Max Cranmer, Josefin Flygh, Evangeline Rathbun, Violet Rudolph and Nathan Simisky

James H. Moran: Sofia Abissi, Loreli Allen, Santiago Avila, Eli Barrett, Juliet Caponera, Isabella Castillo, Julianna Cyr, Shivani Gade, Kianna Grier, Grace Hill, Markus Infante, Danika Le, Gianna Pagan, Anna Passariello, Madison Perrone, Jocelyn Rivard, Gabriella Ruby, Kayleigh Ruby, Mackenzie Stairs and Collin Torres

Mark T. Sheehan: Joel Dominguez, Colin Doyle, Jack Lobner, Julia Ludovico, Sebastian Pinos and William Totz

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 are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today,
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.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day,
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.



“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
‘What are you doing for others?’”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

This program is presented by the Town of Wallingford, Public Celebrations Committee and the Wallingford Board of Education. A special thank you to the students from Lyman Hall High School, Dag Hammarskjold Middle School, E. C. Stevens Elementary and Highland Elementary School students for designing the art work and to Mark T. Sheehan High School, James H. Moran Middle School, Pond Hill Elementary and Rock Hill Elementary Schools for providing the inspirational essays.