

# Drum Major Ecumenical Service



Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee

## Pastor invites community to view MLK service

Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee, the senior servant at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, invites the community to celebrate the church's 15th annual Drum Major Ecumenical Services in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., coming on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

The annual event will be held virtually this year because of COVID-19. The community is invited to join the celebration by viewing on the church's Facebook page at Facebook.com/vafbc.

This year's MLK theme is "Now is Still the Time!," echoing words the late civil rights leader projected during his life:

"Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors

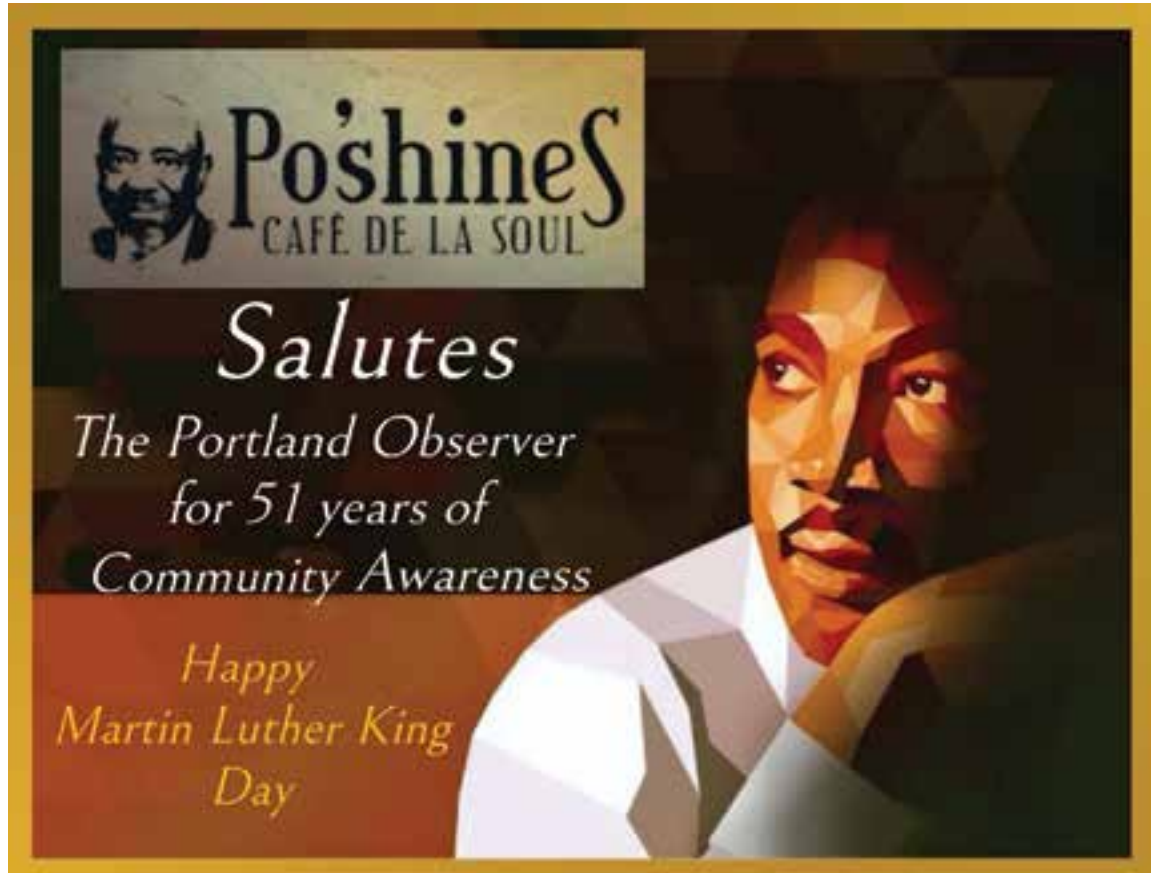
of opportunity to all God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick-sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood [sisterhood]."

The keynote speaker will be Bob Day, deputy chief of Portland Police.

For more information, visit the church website at vafbc.org or call 503-282-9496.

*The past is prophetic in that it asserts loudly that wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows.*

--Martin Luther King, Jr.



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