



JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

Garner Performing Arts Center
June 17, 2023

Garner Freedom Celebration 2023

Welcome

Reading of the Town Proclamation

Juneteenth - A History

Oh Give Thanks

Fix Me

Civil Rights and Song

Wake's Blueprint to Dismantle Systemic Racism

Congressional Remarks

We Shall Overcome

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round

Our Main Street Story

Trailer: Stay Prayed Up

Gospel Music Selections

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Closing Message

Melany Paden

Mayor Ken Marshburn

Professor Mary D. Williams

Wake Baptist Grove Church

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Christal E. Carmichael, LCMHC

Congressman Wiley Nickel

Juniper Level Missionary Baptist Church

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Kentrell Perry

Lena Mae Perry (Pianist Angela Kent)

All

Mayor Ken Marshburn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson 1871 –1938

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning 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.

Special Thanks To

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