



# UNLEASHING HEAVEN

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS HERE



## Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

*bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison*

TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

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All able are invited to stand for all portions marked with an asterisk (\*)

January 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

### **Prelude**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Caleb Bennetch and Dr. Jieun Lee

arr. Brant Adams

### **Welcome**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## **\*Call to Worship**

Caleb Bennetch

Leader: Gentle and patient; Careful and persistent

**ALL: God, you are calling.**

Leader: In grieving and in praise; Through dawn and midday

**ALL: God, you are calling.**

Leader: Unexpected and planned; In a still small voice and in power

**ALL: God, you are calling.**

Leader: Spontaneous and prepared; Willing or protected,

**ALL: God, you are calling.**

Leader: Our God is eager to share with us, wherever we are  
on our journey. May we be diligent to listen.

**ALL: God, you are calling.**

~ written by Joanie Thurman Williams, and posted on Consider Your Call. <http://www.consideryourcall.org/sites/default/files/CYC-Media/Toolbox/Materials/Worship-Toolbox.pdf>

## **\*Opening Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

TFWS 2236

# Gather Us In

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young- our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wat - er,



now is the dark - ness van-ished a - way, see in this space our  
we are the old- who yearn for your face, we have been sung through -  
here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your



fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath-er us in- the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in- the  
Gath-er us in- the rich and the haugh - ty, gath-er us in- the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meak and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

## Confession and Assurance

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

**ALL: O Lord,  
forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.  
Through your Spirit  
we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.  
Forgive us when we are shackled  
by our narrow understandings of discipleship  
and our clouded sense of purpose.  
Through your Spirit  
we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.  
Forgive us when we are frightened of the future  
or pull back from the demand of your calling.  
Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,  
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,  
and to trust you for our future.  
Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship.  
We stand together as your disciples.  
We seek renewed and renewing faith.  
Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord.  
Touch us now with your Spirit.**

Leader: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**ALL: Glory to God. Amen**

~ from Prayers and Readings for Worship, Volume 2, Peter Judd, ed. (Herald Publishing House, 1996, ISBN 9780830907199), 22. Posted on the Community of Christ website. <http://www.cofchrist.org/worship12-13/13-05-12.asp> And *A Service of Word and Table II* in the United Methodist Hymnal

## **The Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Leader: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

## **Children's Time**

Robin Bratton

One of God's great gifts to the world is our kids. We welcome children in worship, and celebrate their presence with this special moment just for them.

## **Prayers of the People**

Dr. Daniel Reeves

## **The Lord's Prayer**

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.***

## Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11

**1** One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. **2** Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. **3** Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

**5** Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

**6** So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. **7** They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" **9** Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. **10** James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people."

**11** As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## Sermon

*Deep Water Disciples*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## Musical Reflection

The Tongan Men's Choir

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

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## Offertory

*Send Us, Lord, To Every Nation*  
The Worship Choir

Joseph Martin

## \*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al-le -

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up -

lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## \*Invitation

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

# \*Hymn of Commitment

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## *Would I Have Answered When You Called*



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



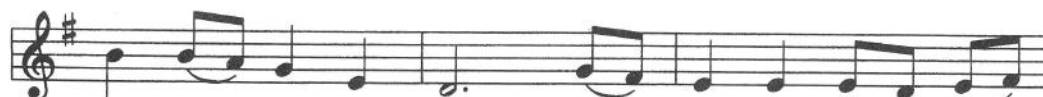
fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have  
an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by  
crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y  
all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i -  
ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri -  
hill I saw a cross a - gainst the  
cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap -



ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have  
ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where  
sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and  
praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -  
home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would  
left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with  
fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?  
not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?  
crown of thorns up - on a ter - rible throne?  
yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.



**\*Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

**Postlude**

Emma Wimberg



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