



# Prodigal God

## **Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship**

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

October 3, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

Dr. Scott Youngblood

**Prelude**

*The Church's One Foundation*  
*The Master's Ringers*

arr. McChesney

## Call to Worship

8:30- Ted McIlvain  
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**All: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**All: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**All: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

One: Let us worship together,

**All: let us share God's bounty.**

~ written by Rev Gord, and posted on **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

## Opening Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and springtime and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shed-ding of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

passions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ever will be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

## **Congregational Affirmation**

8:30- Ted McIlvain  
11:00- Brandie Spletzer

**All: let this be the welcoming place  
the place of return**

**and let it be built by a love  
that bends towards those who return here**

**for it is a love that has been waiting  
like a candle in the window  
ever lighting the way back  
and never willing to let go  
the hope that each child  
will return home**

**let it be the place where  
the only appropriate response  
to love that has come to the end of its longing  
is to kill the fatted calf,  
feast and celebrate  
send up balloons  
and prepare the party  
for that which has been lost  
has returned to be among us  
once more**

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Mucky Paws**. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

## **Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## **Children's Time**

Robin Bratton

## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)**

Rev. Faiana Funaki  
Dr. Scott Youngblood

*Takilesi Tomasi Tatu*

## **Prayers of the People**

8:30- Ted McIlvain  
11:00- Brandie Spletzer

## 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.*

**Tongan Anthem (11:00)**

*Alaisia mo Kolonga*  
The Tongan Choir

trad.

## Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

“When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, but I’m starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.” ’ So he got up and went to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

**Sermon**

*Prodigal God*

Dr. Scott Youngblood

**Offertory Prayer**

8:30- Ted McIlvain  
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

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## Offertory

8:30- *In Remembrance*  
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

arr. Larson

11:00- *Rise Up, My Soul*  
The Worship Choir

Lloyd Larson

## Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings 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!

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Prayer After Receiving

**All:** Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the  
strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Invitation

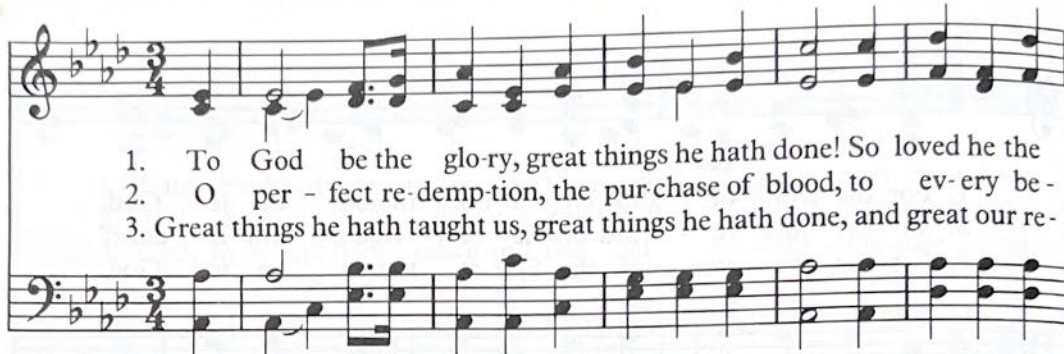
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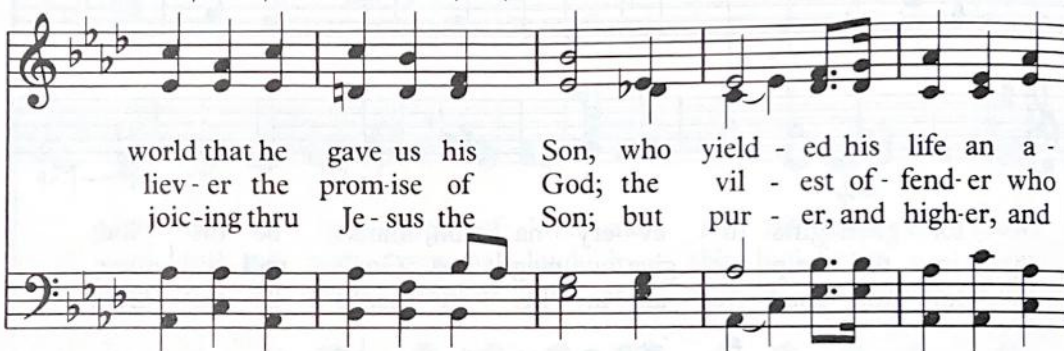
THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

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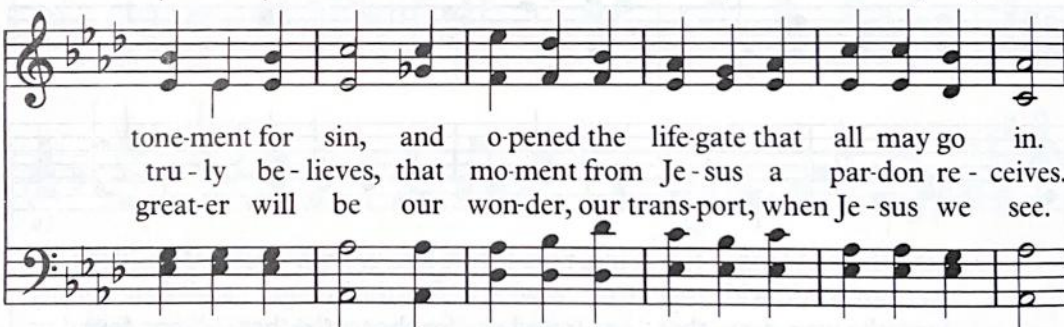
## To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ery be-  
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re-



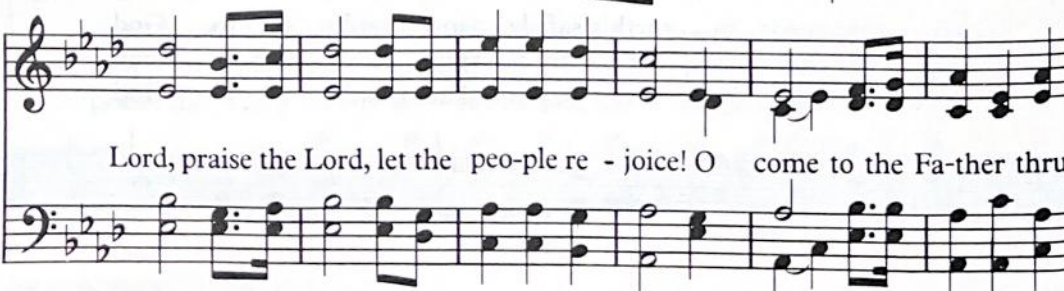
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend-er who  
 joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high-er, and



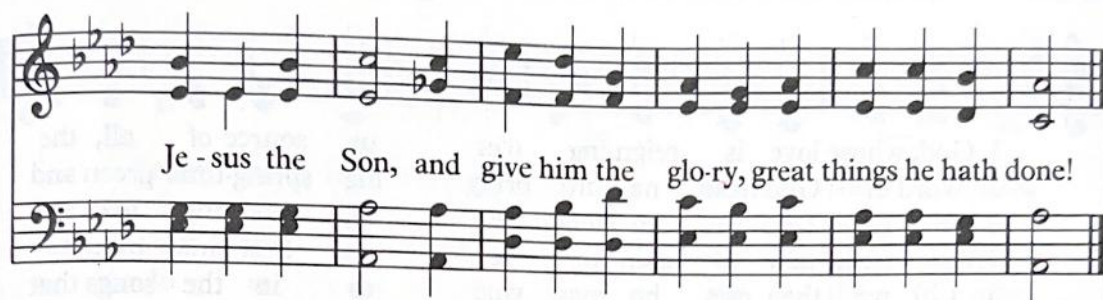
tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lies, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.  
 great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*


Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru



WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875  
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
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V.2 Ne hoko 'a e taimi, mo ta hono houa  
Ke fotu ki Maama 'a e 'Eiki tupu'a;  
Ha'ele mai ia mo e kau angelo,  
Pea fonu 'a Langi he fakamālō.

Refrain: Fakafeta'i! Fakafeta'i! Ko e pehe te tau noa!  
Fakamālō he 'ofa 'a hotau 'Otua.  
Ne tuku 'a Langi mo hono masani  
Kae ha'u 'o huhu'i 'a e hia 'a mamani.

**Benediction**

Dr. Scott Youngblood

**Postlude**

*Fanfare*

Jacques Lemmens

Emma Wimberg

