



THOSE WHO *will not* DREAM *keep silent*

1st sunday after christmas

Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison

December 27, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Ted McIlvain

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter/Away in a Manger
Min Kyung Kim

arr. Perkins

Call to Worship

Ted McIlvain

One: Here on the heels of Christmas,

All: We speak of love.

One: We speak of joy.

All: We speak of candle light and fireside.

One: We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

All: We speak of “glorias” and angel choruses.

One: We speak the words, “Do not be afraid.”

All: Here on the heels of Christmas,

We are called to speak, for the world needs a light.

One: A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

All: Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

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Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain (Unison)

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, over the hills and ev - ery-where;
go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je-sus Christ is born.

Parts

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

One: We believe in telling the story—

**All: The story of a loving and merciful God,
Who will not let God's people go;
The story of a baby who grew up and changed the world;
The story of our faith.**

One: We believe in speaking up—

**All: For our neighbors, For the oppressed,
For the overlooked And marginalized.**

One: We believe in speaking out—

**All: Against violence, Greed,
Abuse,
Fear,
Scarcity mindset, And bigotry.**

One: We believe in passing the mic—

**All: So that we are not the only ones speaking,
So that we can lift up the voices of those around us,
So that we too might listen and learn.**

One: We believe in the good news of the gospel.

**All: We believe that this good news is too good to keep to ourselves.
We believe that those who dream cannot keep silent.**

One: Speak to us, Holy God.

All: Speak through us, Holy God. May it be so, amen.

Gloria Patri

Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

Prayers of the People

Ted McIlvain

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 2:22-40

Gwen Stoddard

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,

because my eyes have seen your salvation.

You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

Sermon

'Those Who Dream Will Not Keep Silent'

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Offertory Prayer

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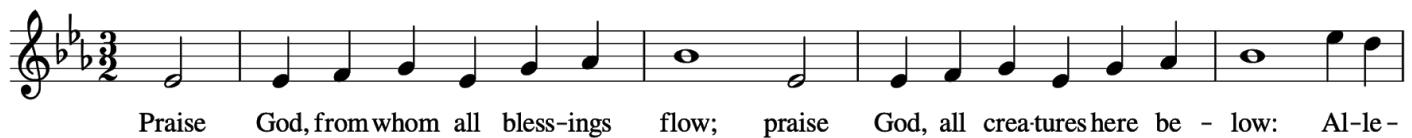
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Offertory

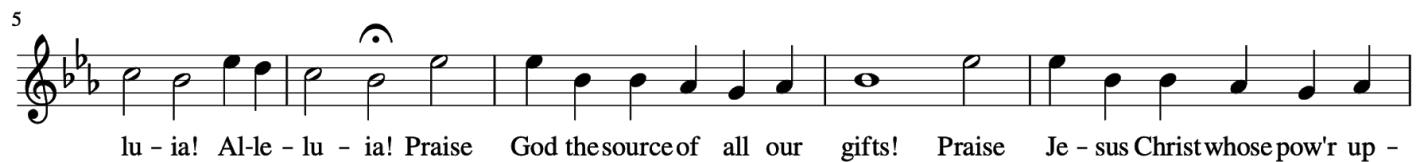
Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us
Min Kyung Kim

arr. Hayes

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: 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

Ted McIlvain

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir-gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"



Benediction

Ted McIlvain

Postlude

Improvisation on 'Hark The Herald Angels Sing' arr. Bonamigo
Rudimar Bonamigo