



# 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

W&S: Worship and Song hymnal Supplement

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

January 22, 2023

11:00 A.M.

**Prelude**

Emma Wimberg

**Welcome**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## \*Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: You who are poor and brokenhearted, why have you come?

**ALL: To hear good news and heal our hearts.**

One: You who are captive or prisoners, why have you come?

**ALL: To hear words of freedom and to be released  
from what binds us.**

One: You who mourn, why have you come?

**ALL: To receive comfort.**

One: Then you are welcome here in this place,  
where Jesus offers blessing for all.

**ALL: Let us worship God together**

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>  
Modified by Caleb Bennetch

## \*Opening Hymn

*God of the Bible*

W&S 3020



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first staff and the second column starting on the second staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel,  
2. God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger,  
3. Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing,  
4. Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger  
5. Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain

hope seen in Je - sus, hope yet to come,  
suf - fer - ing with us, tak - ing our part,  
you have made roy - al, gift - ed with rights,  
will our world or - der change in a day,  
through all our tur - moil, ter - ror, and loss,

you are our cen - ter, day - light or dark - ness,  
still you em - power us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,  
cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,  
but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,  
bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,

free - dom or pris - on, you are our home.  
 feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.  
 birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.  
 small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.  
 till our world chang - es fac - ing the cross.

*Refrain*

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,  
 you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,  
 God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

*Last time*

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray  
 MUSIC: Tony E. Alonso

FRESH AS THE MORNING  
 55.54 D with Refrain

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## \*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine  
 or nakedness or peril or sword?

**ALL: No!**  
**In all things we are more than conquerors**  
**through the One who loved us.**  
**We are sure that neither death nor life,**  
**Nor angels, nor principalities,**  
**Nor things present, nor things to come,**  
**Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**  
**Nor anything else in all creation,**  
**Will be able to separate us from the love of God**  
**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God!**  
**Amen.**

## **\*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.***

## **The Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

## **Children's Time**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

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.***

## Musical Reflection

*Oh, How Good It Is!*

arr. Molly Ijames

*Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bods of peace of acceptance and love  
Are the fruits of His presence here among us.*

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
'Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

*Oh, how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.*

*Oh, how good it is to embrace His command,  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.*

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 4:14-30*

**14** Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. **15** He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

**16** Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. **17** The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**18** *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed,*  
**19** *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

**20** He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. **21** He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

**22** Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

**23** Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'"

**24** He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown.

**25** And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. **26** Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27** There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

**28** When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. **29** They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. **30** But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

**Sermon**

*What Does the Church  
Smell Like?*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## Hymn of Response *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

UMH 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in  
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

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him no south or north; but one great fel - low -  
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the  
neith - er slave nor free; both male and fe - male  
him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are

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ship of love through out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
heirs are made, and all are kin to me.  
one in him through out the whole wide earth.

## Offertory Prayer

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

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or [give via text to 844-976-2515](tel:844-976-2515). Simply enter the amount  
you would like to give, and instructions will follow.

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## Offertory

### *A Testament to God's Work Through Meals on Wheels*

## \*Doxology



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

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

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

## \*Invitation

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## \*Hymn of Commitment *For The Healing Of The Nations*

UMH 428



# For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

**Postlude**

Dr. Jieun Lee

