



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 1

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Emma Wimberg

Welcome

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Call to Worship

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Leader: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

All: **We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

Leader: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

All: **We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.**

Leader: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

All: **We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

— written by Thomas Shuman, and posted on his excellent **Lectionary Liturgies** website.

***Opening Carol**

We Three Kings

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We Three Kings



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
2. Born a King on Beth - le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
3. Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a De - i - ty
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er-ing
5. Glo-rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and God and sac - - ri-



far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low - ing yon - der
gain, King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to
nigh; prayer and prais-ing, voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on
gloom; sor-rowing, sigh-ing, bleed-ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone-cold
fice: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and



Refrain



star.
reign.
high.
tomb.
skies.

O star of won-der, star of light, star with roy-al beau-ty



bright, west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light.



***Affirmation of Faith**

Ted McIlvain

**ALL: We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator;
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

— written by Lisa Frenz, in Word of God Come Be With Us: An Advent Order for Holy Communion, and posted on Lisa's Liturgies. <https://sites.google.com/site/lisaliturgies/home> "Copyright Lisa Frenz. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission."

***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

Ted McIlvain

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ
with those that surround you.*

Children's Time

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

*All children are invited to come
forward for a message*

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

Matthew 2:13-23

13 When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him.”

14 Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. **15** He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I have called my son out of Egypt.*^[b]

16 When Herod knew the magi had fooled him, he grew very angry. He sent soldiers to kill all the children in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding territory who were two years old and younger, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. **17** This fulfilled the word spoken through Jeremiah the prophet:

18

*A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and much grieving.*

*Rachel weeping for her children,
and she did not want to be comforted,
because they were no more.*^[c]

19 After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. **20** “Get up,” the angel said, “and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead.” **21** Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. **22** But when he heard that Archelaus ruled over Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. **23** He settled in a city called Nazareth so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

Sermon

*Hope In The Midst
Of Uncertainty*

Daniel Reeves

Offertory Prayer

Daniel Reeves

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Offertory

Emma Wimberg

*Doxology



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, 3/4 time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

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!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Our Communion table is open to all who seek to experience the grace of God today. You are invited to come forward and receive this gift of God's love for you today, as you are directed by the ushers.

*Invitation

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

Fine

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.

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,

D.C.

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

WORDS: John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)
 MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
 William Farley Smith. 1986

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
 Irr. with Refrain

*Benediction

Daniel Reeves

Postlude

Emma Wimberg



*There's something special and holy about our experiences at Christmas and Easter. God feels close at hand... but what about those days between the high and Holy days of Jesus' birth, the pain of his death and the new life of his resurrection? We invite you to join us beginning January 8 as we walk the everyday with Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. When we walk with Jesus through the every day, we see that Jesus **Unleashed Heaven** every day.*