



# EMPOWERED — To Serve —

## Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

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

May 30, 2021

8:30 a.m.

**Welcome**

Ted McIlvain

**Prelude**

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*  
Jieun Lee

Carl Seal

## Call to Worship

Ted McIlvain

One: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:  
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**All: We come to this place, to this time,  
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

One: In the name of Christ,

**All: we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

One: In the name of Christ,

**All: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**All: we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up  
whole lives, whole peoples,

**All: we proclaim the God of Hope.**

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**All: we proclaim the God of Love.**

One: Come, let us worship together

**All: and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

~ from the **On Earth Peace** website. <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>

**Hymn**

*God of the Bible*

# God of the Bible

Shirley Murray

Tony Alonso

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 stat - us, 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

3  
 hope seen in Je - sus, hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter,  
 suf - fer - ing with us, tak - ing our part, still you em - power us,  
 you have made roy - al, gift - ed with rights, chos - en as part - ners,  
 will our world or - der change in a day, but by your peo - ple,  
 through all our tur - moil, ter - ror, and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly

6  
 day - light or dark - ness, free - dom or pris - on, you are our  
 moth - er - ing Spir - it, feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own  
 mid - wives of jus - tice, birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new  
 fear - less and faith - ful, small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the  
 one to the oth - er, till our world chang - es fac - ing the

9  
 home. heart. lights. way. cross. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,

13  
 you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,

16  
 God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

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**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,  
the Head over all things,  
the beginning of a new creation.**

**We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things  
which he will bring.**

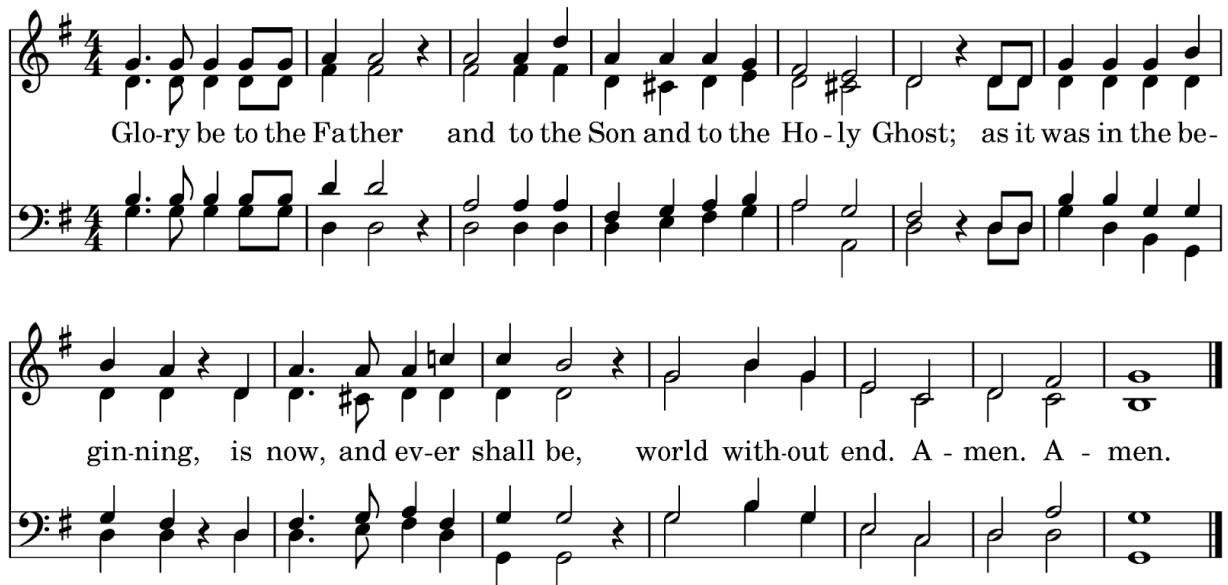
**We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards the promised goal;  
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.**

**We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
bearing witness to that unity  
which is both Christ's gift and his will.**

**We affirm that every member of the church  
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.**

**Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died,  
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

## Gloria Patri



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

## Prayers of the People

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.*

## Scripture Reading

Mark 14:1-9

Ted McIlvain

It was two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and legal experts through cunning tricks were searching for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the festival; otherwise, there would be an uproar among the people.

Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume? This perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

## Sermon

*Empowered To Serve*

Brandie Spletzer

## Offertory Prayer

Ted McIlvain

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## Offertory

*I Thank You, Lord*  
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

Joseph Martin

## 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

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

# Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Jeffrey Rowthorn

Cyril V. Taylor



2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fath - er, what they  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

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**Benediction**

Brandie Spletzer

**Postlude**

*Postlude*

J. N. Lemmens

Emma Wimberg