



THE JOURNEY TO: JERUSALEM



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 (*)

March 12, 2023

8:30 AM

Prelude

Dr. Jieun Lee

Welcome

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

*Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: let this be the welcoming place
the place of return

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

One: for it is a love that has been waiting
like a candle in the window

ALL: **ever lighting the way back
and never willing to let go
the hope that each child
will return home**

One: 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

ALL: **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>

*Opening Hymn

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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Unison

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
 2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
 4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
 *5. In faith we'll gather round the table

time to re-member and move on,
 God's mighty Spirit now as then,
 step from the past and leave be-hind
 to show and share what love can do.
 to taste and share what love can do.

time to be-lieve what love is bring-ing,
 can make for us a world of dif-ference,
 our dis-ap-point-ment, guilt, and griev-ing,
 This is a day of new be-gin-nings;
 This is a day of new be-gin-nings;

lay-ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a-gain.
 seek-ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak-ing all things new.
 our God is mak-ing all things new.

*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)
 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

BEGINNINGS
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Confession

Ted McIlvain

**ALL: Loving and Merciful One,
we thank you for the community
in which you have placed us,
for the brothers and sisters with whom
we walk this pilgrim journey.**

**Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.
We push aside those whom we believe
are the least in your Kingdom.**

**We fail to see your Kingdom in parables
because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.**

**Form in us a new vision of community
in which there is neither East nor West,
neither South nor North.**

**We pray for the sake of your Kingdom
that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

~ posted in Hearing the Parables with the Early Church on the Baylor University website. <http://www.baylor.edu/christianethics/parablesstudyguide2.pdf>

Passing of the Peace

Ted McIlvain

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.**

Offertory Prayer

Ted McIlvain

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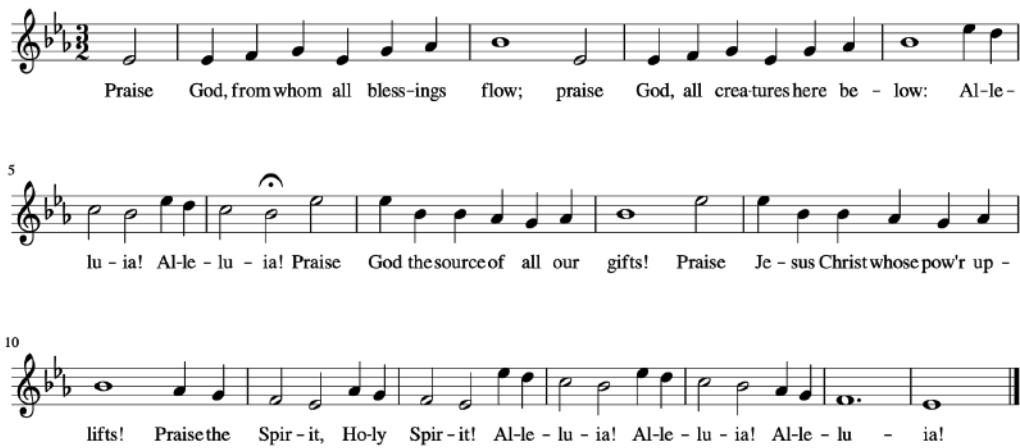
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Offertory

Hornpipe II from 'Water Music'
Dr. Jieun Lee & Caleb Bennetch

G. F. Handel
arr. Latham

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Luke 15

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. **2** The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 Jesus told them this parable: **4** “Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn’t he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. **6** When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost sheep.’ **7** In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

8 “Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won’t light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? **9** When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost coin.’ **10** In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life.”

11 Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. **12** The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the inheritance.’ Then the father divided his estate between them. **13** 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.

14 “When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. **15** He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. **17** 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!’

18 I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **19** I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.” **20** 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. **21** Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’

22 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! **23** Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting **24** because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. **26** He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. **27** The servant replied, ‘Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.’

28 Then the older son was furious and didn’t want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. **29** He answered his father, ‘Look, I’ve served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you’ve never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’

31 Then his father said, ‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.”

Sermon

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace!
How Sweet the Sound

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(vs. 1-4)

Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved.
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en-dures.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Prayer of Response

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**

***Hymn of Commitment**

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Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav - ior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine, thou dost be - friend us, be the guardian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom -ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre -
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and power to
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms

pare. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we
 stray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus! Hear, O hear us when we
 free. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus! We will ear - ly turn to
 fill. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus! Thou hast loved us, love us

are. Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 pray. Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
 thee. Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus! We will ear - ly turn to thee.
 still. Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***Benediction**

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Postlude

Emma Wimberg

