



THE JOURNEY TO: JERUSALEM



Martin United Methodist Church **Service of Worship**

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TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

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

March 19, 2023

11:00 AM

Prelude

Emma Wimberg

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

*Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: What does the Lord require of you?

**ALL: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: What does God command of us?

**ALL: To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**ALL: But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**ALL: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH.
She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>

*Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

UMH 131

We Gather Together



1. We gath-er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless-ing; he chas-tens and
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or - dain - ing, main-
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - umphant, and pray that thou



has - tens his will to make known. The wick-ed op-pressing now cease from dis-
tain - ing his kingdom di - vine; so from the be - gin-ning the fight we were
still our de-fend - er wilt be. Let thy congre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u -



tress-ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
win - ning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
la - tion; thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!



Confession

Dr. Daniel Reeves

**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

Dr. Daniel Reeves

Musical Reflection

Reach Towards What's Next
JAM Children and Youth Choir

Katie Houts

*There will be days when the sky is dark,
the world feels cold, and needs a spark.
There will be times when your soul is blue,
your heart feels gray, your mind does, too.*

*Rise up with those around you.
We're stronger when we go through hard things together.
We're not alone.*

*Won't you come with me? Be all we can be?
Sharing joy and welcome, hope and courage,
Shining light that might encourage all God's children
to reach for what's next.*

*We're not alone as we walk this road,
So meet the need, and share the load.
There might be someone who needs a smile,
Or may need time to rest awhile.*

*Look beyond our reflection. Can we make a connection?
Don't just look past, see the outcast,
Help them outlast the weight of the world.*

Children's Time

Robin Bratton

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

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 16:19-31

19 “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. **20** At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. **21** Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

22 “The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. **24** He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. **26** Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

27 “The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. **28** I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ **29** Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ **30** The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ **31** Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Daniel Reeves

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Offertory

*God Gives the Song
The Worship Choir*

Craig Courtney

*When time sweeps yesterday away
it leaves behind an empty heart
Weeping through the night so dark and long*

*When words are lost among the tears
When sadness steals another day
God hears our cries and turns our sighs into a song*

*Sing to the One who mends our broken hearts with music
Sing to the One who fills our empty hearts with love
Sing to the One who gives us light to step into the darkest night
Sing to the God who turns our sighs into a song*

*From heaven falls a mercy sweet
The time for weeping now is gone
God hears our sighs and gives us His eternal song*

Doxology

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

Invitation

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

*Hymn of Commitment

W&S 3124

How Shall I Come Before the Lord



1. How shall I come be - fore the Lord and bow my -
2. Will fin - est gifts bring God's de - light? Will wealth bring
3. Let jus - tice shine in all your ways. Let lov - ing

self with heart out - poured? And shall I come with of - fer -
fa - vor in God's sight? What must we be? What must we
kind - ness rule your days, that, as this earth - ly path you

ing? What shall I give? What shall I bring?
do? What does the Lord re - quire of you?
trod, you shall walk hum - bly with your God.

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***Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

Postlude

Dr. Jieun Lee

