

What if?

DREAMING GOD-SIZED DREAMS



Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

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

November 20, 2022

8:30 A.M.

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

Prelude

Emma Wimberg

***Call to Worship**

Caleb Bennetch

One: Come all who are weary

ALL: of wealth or poverty; of power, struggle, or division.

One: Come all who are heavy-laden

ALL: with too much or too little; with anxiety, fear, or anger.

One: Come all who have hope

ALL: for liberation, peace, and freedom; for the kingdom of God.

One: Hear these words:

ALL: "See, I am making all things new."

~ from I Am Making All Things New, written by Rosie Venner. Posted on the WSCF Europe website. <http://wscf-europe.org/mozaik-issues/mozaik-25-the-powers-that-be/worship-i-am-making-all-things-new/>

***Opening Hymn**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us
 *5. In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, 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

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BEGINNINGS

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**ALL: We are God's work of art—
each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody,
a potter's delight.**

**We are God's handiwork—
woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

**We are the church of Jesus Christ—
diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.**

**We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.**

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.**

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

***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

Daniel Reeves

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

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.***

Offertory Prayer

Daniel Reeves

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Offertory

*Now Thank We All Our God/
Let All Things Now Living*
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

arr. Brant Adams

*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: 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!

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 3:1-2; 4:6; 6:9-16

1 Then Eliashib the high priest set to work with his fellow priests and built the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set up its doors, then dedicated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred and as far as the Tower of Hananel.

2 The people of Jericho built next to them, and Zaccur, Imri's son, built next to them.

6 We continued to build the wall. All of it was joined together, and it reached half of its intended height because the people were eager to work.

9 All of them were trying to make us afraid, saying, "They will be discouraged, and the work won't get finished." But now, God, strengthen me!

10 Later I went to see Shemaiah, Delaiah's son and Mehetabel's grandson, who was confined to his house, and he said:

"Let's meet together in God's house,
inside the temple itself.
Let's shut the doors of the temple,
for they are coming to kill you;
they are coming to kill you tonight!"

11 But I replied, "Should someone like me run away? Who like me would go into the temple to save his life? I won't go in!" **12** Then I realized that God hadn't sent him at all but that he spoke this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. **13** He was hired to frighten me and to make me sin by acting in this way. Then they could give me a bad name and discredit me. **14** My God, remember these deeds of Tobiah and Sanballat! Also remember Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who have been trying to frighten me.

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Elul. It took fifty-two days. **16** When our enemies heard about this, all of the nations around us were afraid and their confidence was greatly shaken. They knew that this work was completed with the help of our God.

Sermon

*What If...
We Joined The Dream?*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

***Invitation**

Ted McIlvain

***Hymn of Commitment**

I Have A Dream

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I Have a Dream

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1. "I have a dream," a man once said, "where
2. But in this world of bit - ter strife the
3. Fierce per - se - cu - tion, war, and hate are
4. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but
5. Lord, give us vi - sion, make us strong, help



all is per - fect peace; where men and wom - en,
 dream can of - ten fade; re - al - i - ty seems
 rag - ing ev - ery - where; God calls us now to
 nev - er be con - tent; for thoughts and words don't
 us to do your will; don't let us rest un -



black and white, stand hand in hand, and all u - nite in
 dark as night, we catch but glimps - es of the light Christ
 pay the price through strug - gles and through sac - ri - fice of
 ease the pain: un - less there's ac - tion, all is vain; faith
 til we see your love through-out hu - man-i - ty u -



free-dom and in love, in free-dom and in love."
 sheds on hu - man - kind, Christ sheds on hu - man-kind.
 stand-ing for the right, of stand-ing for the right.
 proves it - self in deeds, faith proves it - self in deeds.
 nit - ing us in peace, u - nit - ing us in peace.

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***Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

Postlude

Jieun Lee

