

THE JOURNEY TO: JERUSALEM



Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

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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 (*)

February 26, 2023

8:30 AM

Prelude

Dr. Jieun Lee

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**

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

UMH 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick W. Faber

L. Tourjee

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with four lines of text. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains lines 5 through 8. The third system contains lines 9 through 12. The fourth system contains lines 13 through 16. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more grac - es
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the meas - ure
4. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should rest up -

4
of the sea;
for the good!
of our mind;
on God's word;
there's a kind - ness
There is mer - cy
and the heart of
and our lives would
in God's jus - tice,
with the Sav - ior;
the E - ter - nal
be il - lu - mined

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which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is heal - ing in his blood.
is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
by the pres - ence of our Lord.

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

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

Offertory

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior
The Master's Ringers*

arr. Mocklebust

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

25 A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

26 Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

27 He responded, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*”

28 Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

29 But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. **31** Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way.

32 Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. **33** A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion.

34 The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ **36** What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

37 Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

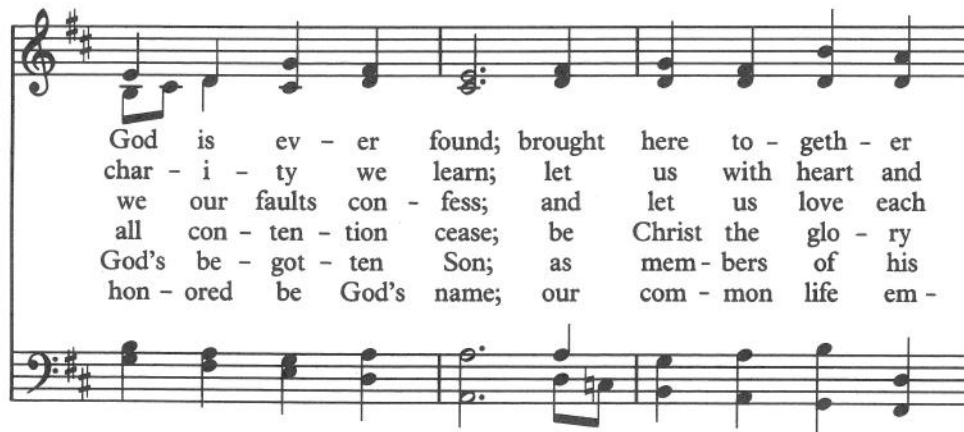
Sermon

*Intentional and
Unexpected Mercy*

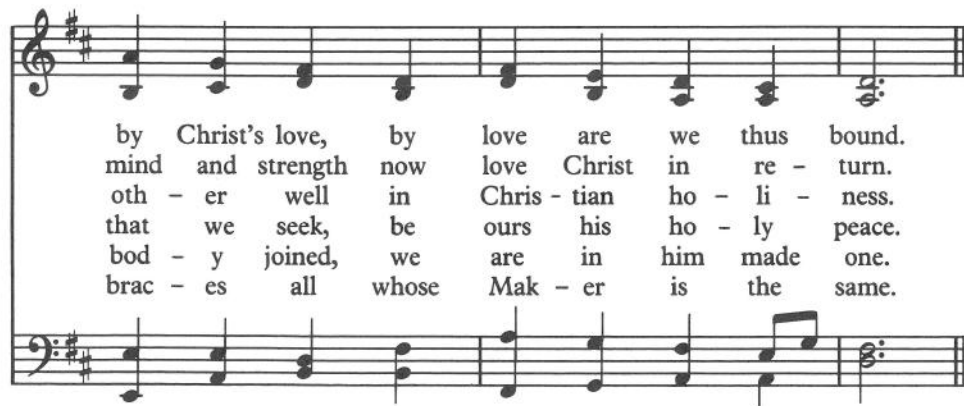
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1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells
 6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if



God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess; and let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; be Christ the glo - ry
 God's be - got - ten Son; as mem - bers of his
 hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -



by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
 mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
 oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 bod - y joined, we are in him made one.
 brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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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.

*Hymn of Commitment

W&S 3030

Eternal God, Transcending Time

1. E - ter - nal God tran - scend - ing time, yet mind - ful of the
2. In - car - nate God re - vealed in time, true Word in flesh re -
3. Life - breath - ing God en - liv - ening time, a - wak - ing heart and
4. Great Tri - une God, so bless the time en - trust - ed to our

4
fears, the hopes, the ques - tions raised for us by ev - er - chang - ing
told, who marked the years from birth to death, then rose to break death's
tongue, in spir - ing proph - ets, bring - ing hope, con - sol - ing old and
care, that all our var - ied min - is - tries may form a com - mon

8
years: so guide us through our pil - grim days that we may find a
hold: by your be - com - ing one with us, help us to know and
young: draw us to those de - nied your gifts by bi - as, want, or
prayer; then when time ceas - es, bring us where di - vi - sions are un -

12
home where jus - tice, truth, and mer - cy meet, ful - filled in your sha - lom.
claim the u - ni - ty of all bap - tized in your re - deem - ing name.
strife, con - vert our wills and form through us new chan - nels of your life.
done, that in your pres - ence, joined in praise, at last we may be one.

***Benediction**

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Postlude

Emma Wimberg



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