



**Martin United Methodist Church
Service of Worship**

bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison

March 21, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Lara Franklin

Prelude

Like a River Glorious
Jieun Lee

arr. Dan Forrest

Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: Every week is a new week,
Another chance to say:

All: “Here I am. Use me.”

One: Every day is a new day,
Another chance to say:

All: “Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow.”

One: Every hour is a new hour,
Another chance to say,

All: “Again and again, make me new.”

One: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

All: We come to this place to be changed.

One: So let us worship holy God,
Who created yesterday, will create tomorrow,
and even now is creating something new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

~Written by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org~

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
2. Un - rest-ing, un - hast-ing, and si - lent as light, nor want-ing, nor
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in all life thou
4. Thou reign-est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless-ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun-tains high
liv - est, the true life of all; we blos-som and flour - ish as
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all laud we would ren - der: O



An- cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to-rious, thy great name we praise.
soar-ing a - bove thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang-eth thee.
help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee.



United Methodist Hymnal 103

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)

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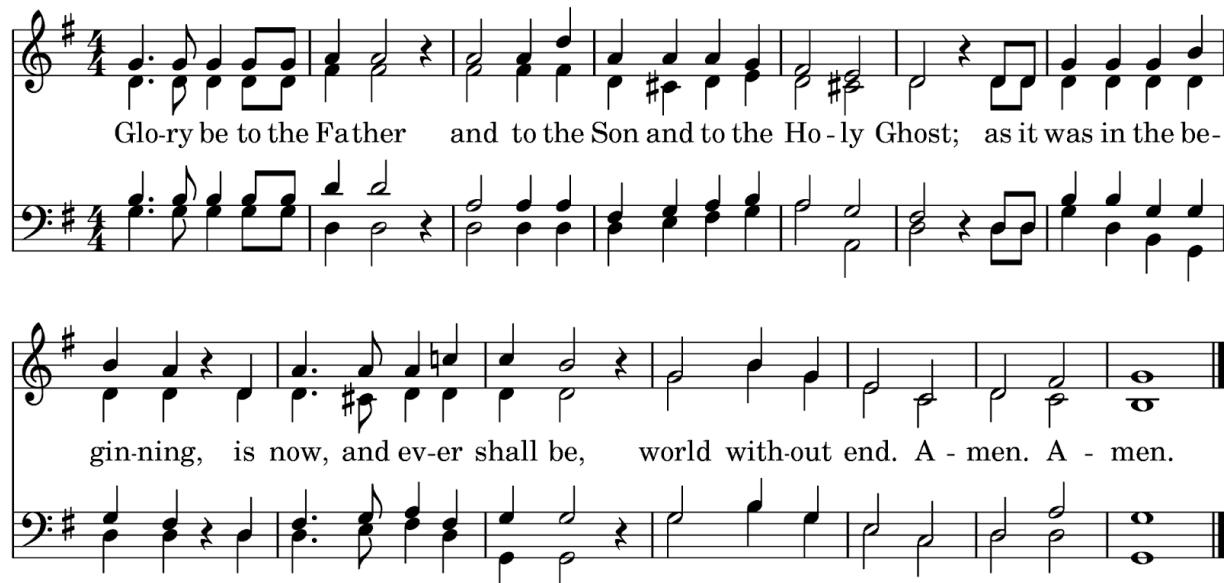
Affirmation of Faith

Caleb Bennetch

**All: We believe that flowers need the rain.
We believe that humans need community.
We believe that bodies need rest.
We believe that hearts need connection.
We believe that mornings need sunrise.
We believe that seasons need change.
We believe that grief needs space.
We believe that change needs time.
We believe that love needs security.
We believe that pain needs art.
We believe that joy needs company.
We believe that our spirits need God.
Again and again, our spirits need God.
Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here.
God is at work in our lives.
God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Gloria Patri



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

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 John 12:20-33 | Jeremiah 31:31-34 Caleb Bennetch

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me."

“Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time?’ No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won’t be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, “Know the Lord!” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

Sermon

Again & Again We Are Reformed

Rev. Lara Franklin

Musical Reflection *We Gather Together/Count Your Blessings* arr. Adams
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

Invitation

Rev. Lara Franklin

Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan

♪ W.H. Monk / Ellacombe (1868)



1. Help us ac - cept eac oth er as Chris ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - days en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

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teach us as sis - ter broth er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our selves ac - cep - ted and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ters heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!



Benediction

Rev. Lara Franklin



Written on Our Hearts
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34
Digital drawing