

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 5, 2023

11:00 AM

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul
Carol Bush, Bells
Dr. Jieun Lee, Piano

arr. Bill Ingram

Welcome

Rev. Faiana Prescott-Funaki

***Call to Worship**

Caleb Bennetch

Leader: We gather together to remember,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—
stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;

**ALL: stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life.**

Leader: We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget.
We tell these stories to remember who we are—people of God.

**ALL: We tell these stories so that our children
and our children's children can also come to know
and love the God we serve.
Let's worship together!**

***Opening Hymn**

Welcome

W&S 3152



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
 we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to
 joy will set the ta - ble as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
 join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
 crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —



— all are wel - come in this place. —

Confession

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

**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

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.*

Ko e Lotu 'a e Eiki'

*Ko 'emau Tamai 'oku 'i Hevani,
Ke tapuhā Ho Huafa,
Ke a'u mai Ho'o Pule,
Ke fai Ho finangalo;
Hange ko ia 'i he langi
Ke pehe foki 'i mamani.
Ke foaki mai he 'aho ni ha'amau me'akai ki
he 'anai.
Pea fakamolemole 'emau ngāhi angahala;
Hange ko emau fakamolemole 'a kinautolu
fuope 'oku mo'ua mai.
Pea 'oua na'a ke fakahu kimautilu ki he
'ahi'ahi;
Ka ke fakahaofi 'a kimautilu mei he Fili.
He 'oku o'ou 'a e pule, Pea mo e malohi, Mo e
kolōlia,
'O ta'engata pea ta'engata. 'Emeni.*

Musical Reflection

The Tongan Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9; 31-35

¹Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. ²He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? ³No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. ⁴What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

6 Jesus told this parable: “A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none.” **7** He said to his gardener, ‘Look, I’ve come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I’ve never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil’s nutrients?’ **8** The gardener responded, ‘Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. **9** Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’”

31 At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, “Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.”

32 Jesus said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Look, I’m throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work.

33 However, it’s necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it’s impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

34 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that. **35** Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord’s name.*”

Sermon

*Bad Things = God’s Judgment,
Really?* Dr. Daniel Reeves

Offertory Prayer

Ted McIlvain

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Offertory

Shepherd Me, O God

arr. Mark Hayes

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want.
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul.
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side.
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.*

*You have set me a banquet of love
In the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life.
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: 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!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Daniel Hawkins
Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

*Salome Sepiuta Hakaumotu, child of
Tangilima and Fituilea Hakaumotu*

Invitation

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

*Hymn of Commitment

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

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Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Charlotte Elliott

William Bradbury

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea,
 2. Ko au pē ē, he an - ga - ha - la
 3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,
 4. Ko au pē ē, he fu'u ma - siva
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known

5
 but that thy blood was shed for me,
 Na'e ta - la pē ke u 'a - lu atu.
 wilt wel - come, pard - on, cleanse, re - lieve;
 Ta' - e - ha pa'ang - a fa - ka tau.
 hath bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;

10
 and that thou bidst me come to thee,
 Kae hao 'i ho ta - 'a - ta' - a
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 Fai, Sī - sū ke ko - lo - a - 'ia
 now, to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

15
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 'A e hia - ma - te - a ko au.
 O Lamb of God, I come I come
 'A e 'ā - u - a - no - a ko au.
 O Lamb of God, I come I come.

***Benediction**

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Postlude

Dr. Jieun Lee



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