



THE JOURNEY TO: JERUSALEM



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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 (*)

March 5, 2023

8:30 AM

Prelude

Emma Wimberg

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.

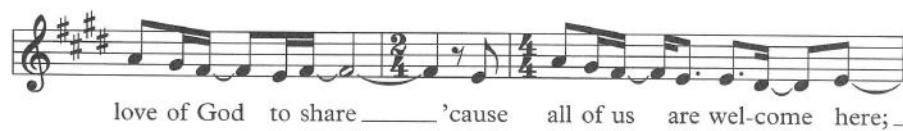
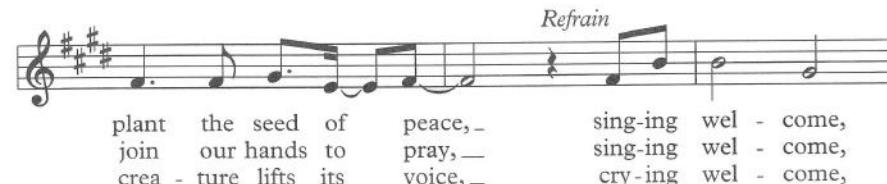
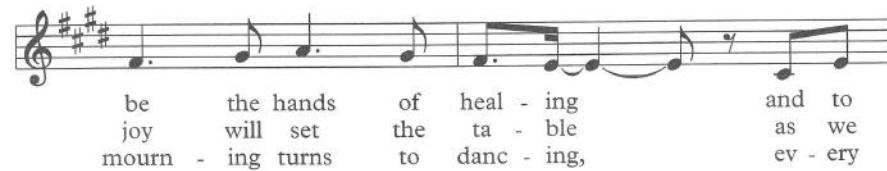
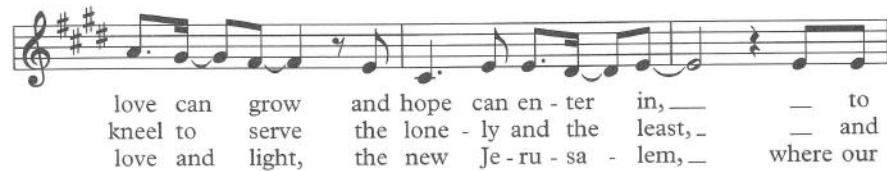
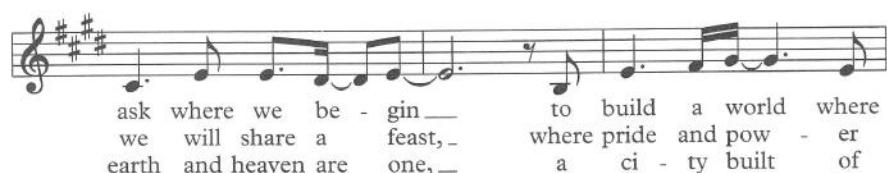
Leader: We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget.
We tell these stories to remember who we are—people of God.

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



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

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

Ted McIlvain

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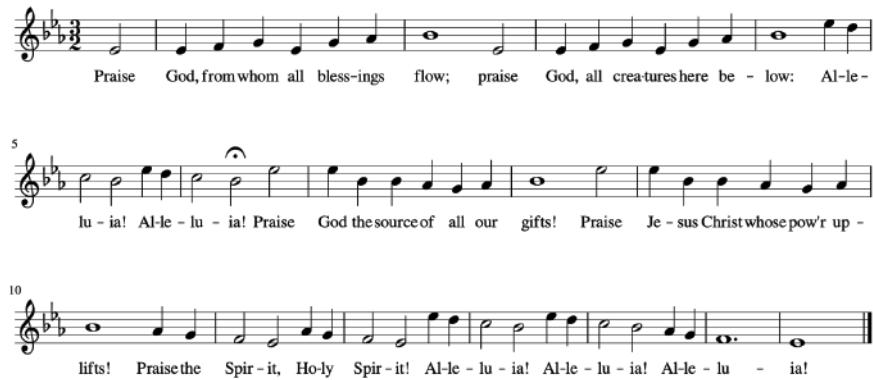
*Martin United Methodist Church
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Bedford, Texas 76021*

Offertory

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

arr. Bill Ingram

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!

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9; 31-35

1 Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. **2** He replied, “Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? **3** No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. **4** What 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? **5** No, 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, Dr. Daniel Reeves
Really?*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

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.

Prayer of Response

**ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this
 holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
 Grant that we may go into the world in the
 strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Invitation

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

***Hymn of Commitment**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Charlotte Elliott

William Bradbury

1. Just as I am, with out one plea,
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,
 4. Just as I am, thy love un - known

5

but that thy blood was shed for me,
 with many a con-flict, doubt,
 wilt pard on, cleanse, a re-wier
 hath brok - en ev ery bar - down;

10

15

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

***Benediction**

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Postlude

Dr. Jieun Lee

