

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 13, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Welcome

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Prelude

Jieun Lee

*Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: *We dare to dream of a world
in which hunger is unknown:*

**All: where scarcity is an illusion,
and everyone has a place at the table.**

One: *We dare to dream of a world
in which generosity is the norm:*

**All: where greed finds no foothold,
and there is more than enough for all.**

One: *We dare to dream of a world
in which love rules:*

**All: where compassion is the first response,
and there is no place for bigotry.**

One: *We dare to dream.
We dare to pray.*

ALL: We dare to believe.

~ from Hunger for Justice: World Food Day 2016, posted on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. [http://
foodgrainsbank.ca/product/world-food-day-2016-hunger-for-justice/](http://foodgrainsbank.ca/product/world-food-day-2016-hunger-for-justice/)

*Opening Hymn

Come, Let Us Dream

W&S 3157

Come, Let Us Dream

John Middleton

trad. Harm. McIntyre

1. Come, let us dream
2. The lame shall walk,
3. When ha - tred ends
4. But know the cost
5. Proph - ets are scorned

God's dream a - the blind shall and war shall of claim - ing in their own gain. Come, one and see, the doors swing cease, so all may sight of God's new lands and mar - tyrs

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all let us as - cend the moun - tain top where those of wide, all pri - s'ners free, the low - ly raised, the proud brought dwell in deep - est peace, then be as - sured the time is day, of wrongs made right, for some have paid the high - est slain by righ - teous hands; though dream - ers die, the dream will

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old saw God's new day on earth un - fold. low. This is God's dream: let jus - tice flow. near when per - fect love casts out all fear. price, their lives for us, a sac - ri - fice. live, for we have yet our lives to give.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Daniel Reeves

ALL: **We are not alone, we live in God's world.**
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and
make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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

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

Daniel Reeves

Children's Time

*All children are invited to come
forward for a message*

Robin Bratton

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.***

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:11-18

11 When I reached Jerusalem and had been there for three days, **12** I set out at night, taking only a few people with me. I didn't tell anyone what my God was prompting me to do for Jerusalem, and the only animal I took was the one I rode. **13** I went out by night through the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring to the Dung Gate so that I could inspect the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down, as well as its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

14 Then I went on to the Spring Gate and to the King's Pool. Since there was no room for the animal on which I was riding to pass, **15** I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and returned by entering through the Valley Gate.

16 The officials didn't know where I had gone or what I was doing. I hadn't yet told the Jews, the priests, the officials, the officers, or the rest who were to do the work. **17** So I said to them, "You see the trouble that we're in: Jerusalem is in ruins, and its gates are destroyed by fire! Come, let's rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we won't continue to be in disgrace." **18** I told them that my God had taken care of me, and also told them what the king had said to me.

"Let's start rebuilding!" they said, and they eagerly began the work.

Sermon

*What if...
dreaming together*

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Offertory Prayer

Ted McIlvain

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Offertory

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
The Worship Choir

Craig Courtney

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r up -
lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Invitation**

Ted McIlvain

***Hymn of Commitment**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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***Benediction**

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

Postlude

Jieun Lee

