

# What if?

DREAMING GOD-SIZED DREAMS



## Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

*bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison*

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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/>

## **\*Opening Hymn**

*Come, Let Us Dream*

W&S 3157

# Come, Let Us Dream

John Middleton

trad. Harm. McIntyre

1. Come, let us dream God's dream a gain. Come, one and  
2. The lame shall walk, the blind shall see, the doors swing  
3. When ha - tred ends and war shall cease, so all may  
4. But know the cost of claim - ing sight of God's new  
5. Proph - ets are scorned in their own lands and mar - tyr

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all let us ascend 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**

Daniel Reeves

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

## **Children's Time**

Robin Bratton

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

## **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 bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al-le -

5 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up -

10 lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## \*Invitation

Ted McIlvain

## \*Hymn of Commitment

Be Thou My Vision

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## Be Thou My Vision

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*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**

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**Postlude**

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