



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 (*)

September 25, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Jieun Lee

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

***Call to Worship**

Caleb Bennetch

One: We come as seekers,
ALL: Unsure of what we seek.
One: We come as followers,
ALL: Not understanding the One we follow.
One: We come to worship,
ALL: Even though we don't know how.
One: Holy One, by your grace,
ALL: Meet us where we are.
Meet us here. Meet us now.
Amen.

~ posted by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

***Opening Hymn**

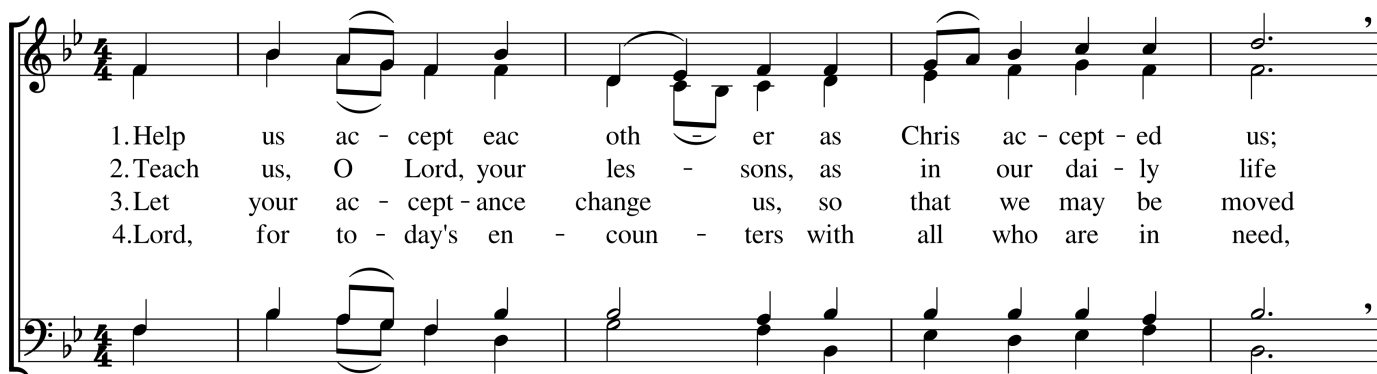
Help Us Accept Each Other

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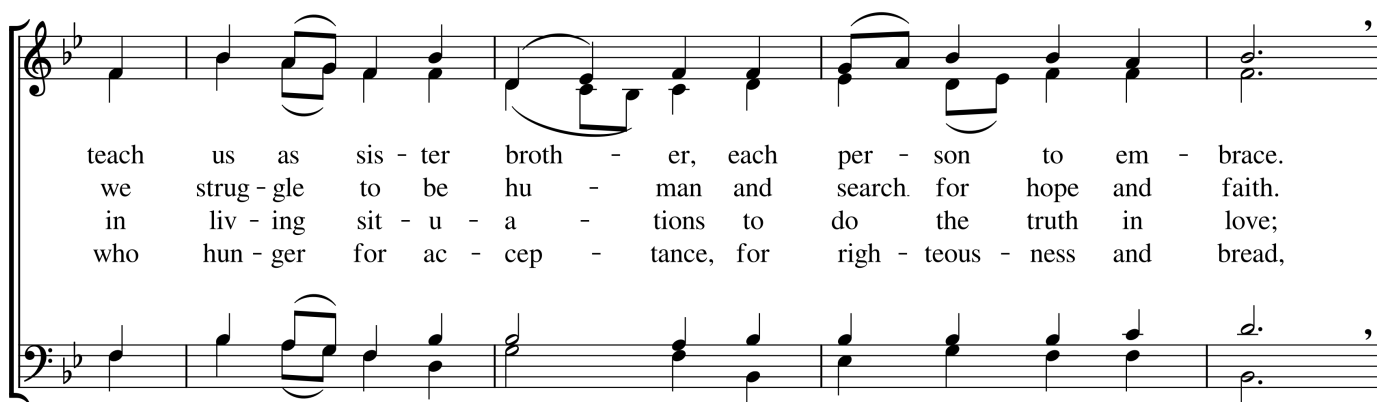
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Fred Kaan

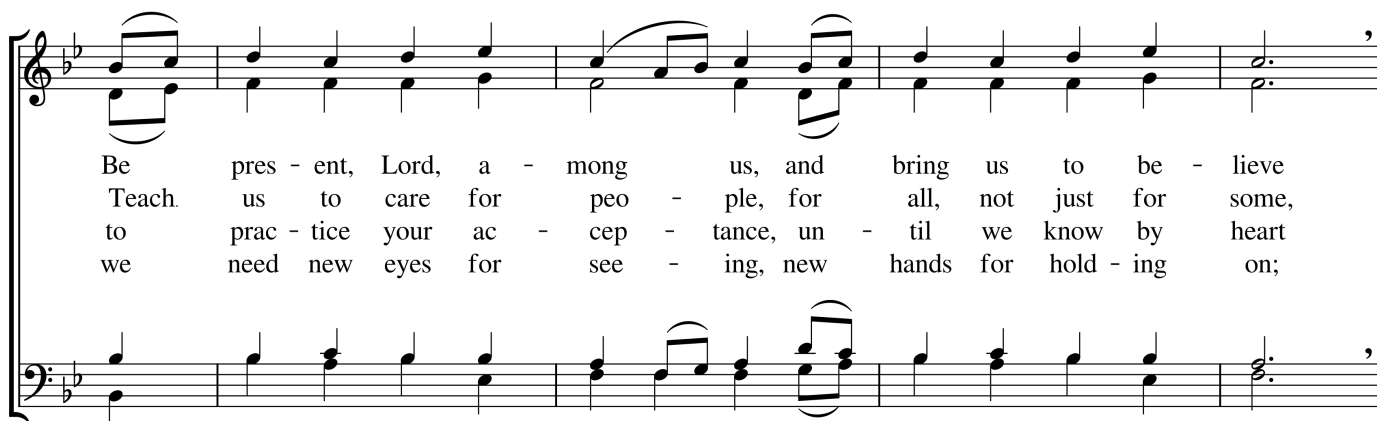
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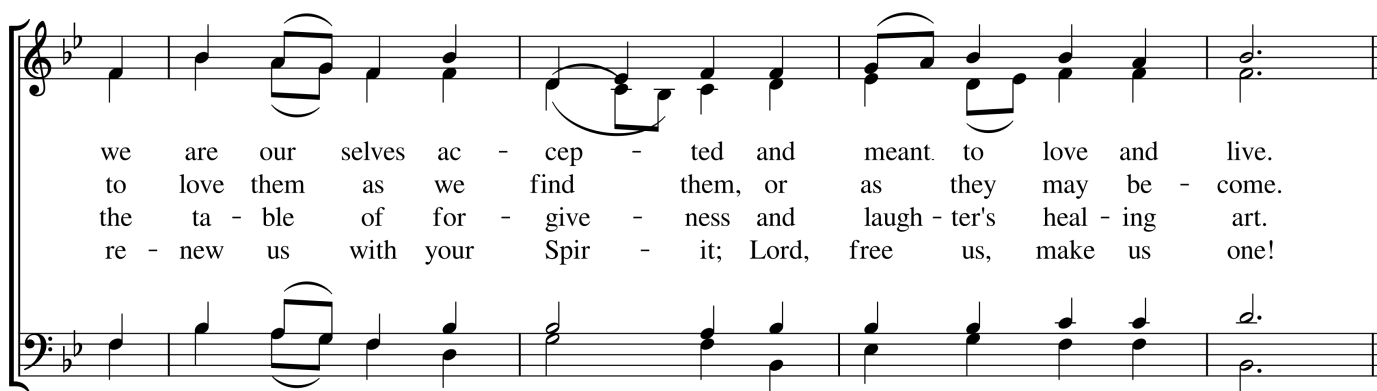
1. Help us ac - cept eac oth - er as Chris ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



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 - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

**ALL: We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untamable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.**

**We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.**

~ excerpted from Song of Faith of the United Church of Canada (2006). <http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/statements/songfaith>

***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

Caleb Bennetch

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.***

The Lord said, “Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by.” A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the Lord. But the Lord wasn’t in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn’t in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord wasn’t in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave’s entrance. A voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

He said, “I’ve been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I’m the only one left, and now they want to take my life too.”

The Lord said to him, “Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi’s son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat’s son, to succeed you as prophet. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven’t bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven’t kissed him.”

Sermon*Distraction → Silence*

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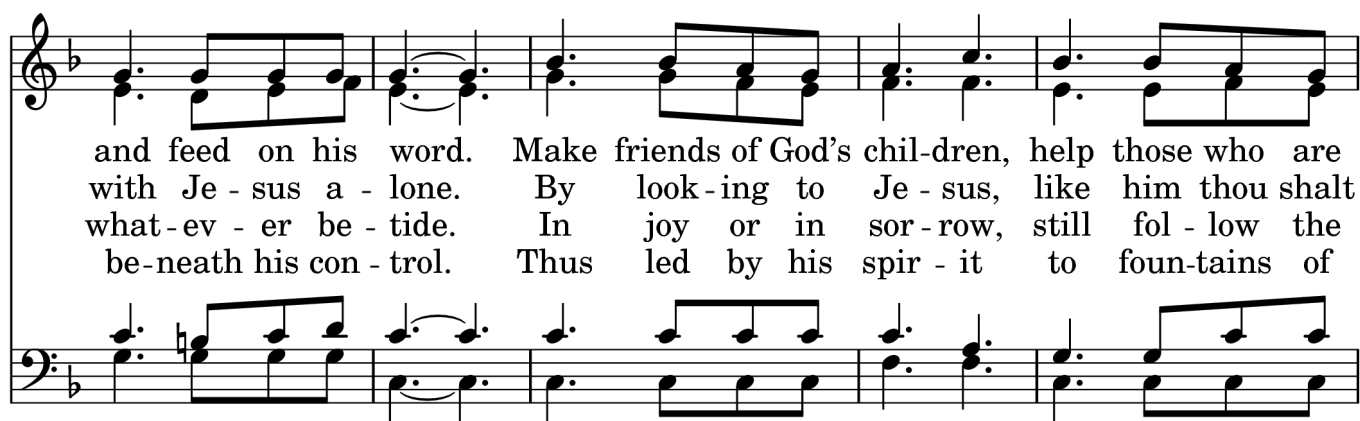
Hymn of Reflection*Take Time to Be Holy*

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Take Time to Be Holy



1. Take time to be ho-ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bide in him al-ways,
2. Take time to be ho-ly, the world rush-es on; spend much time in se-cret
3. Take time to be ho-ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be-fore him,
4. Take time to be ho-ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each mo-tive



and feed on his word. Make friends of God's chil-dren, help those who are
with Je - sus a - lone. By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt
what-ev - er be - tide. In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the
be-neath his con - trol. Thus led by his spir - it to foun-tains of



weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless-ing to seek.
be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like-ness shall see.
Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for serv-ice a - bove.

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WORDS: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882 (1 Pet. 1:16)

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Offertory Prayer

Daniel Reeves

You may give an offering at www.martinmethodist.org/give, by mail,
or [give via text to 844-976-2515](tel:844-976-2515). Simply enter the amount
you would like to give, and instructions will follow.

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Offertory

*The Meditations of My Heart
The Worship Choir*

E. Hagenberg

*May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord.*

*O Lord my Rock,
O Lord my strength,
O Lord my God and Redeemer.*

*Doxology



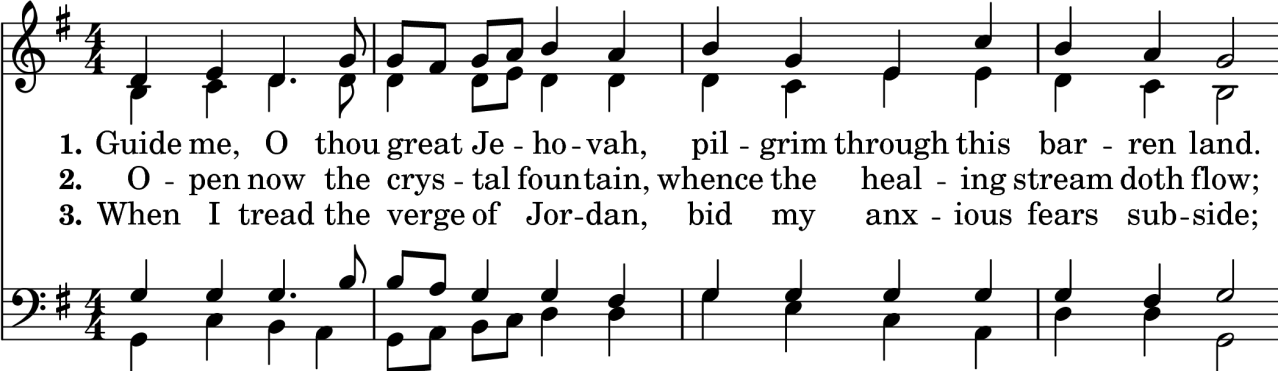
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al-le -

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

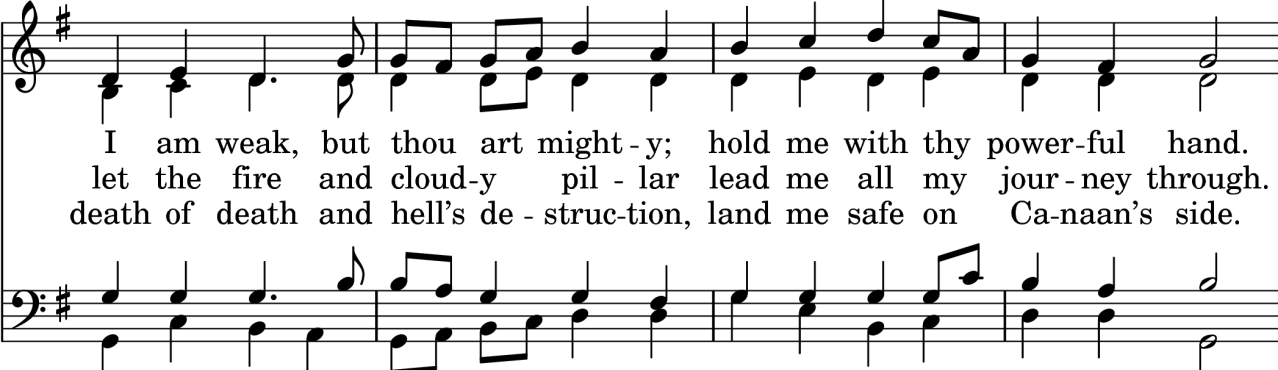
lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

*Invitation

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1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal fountain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-side;



I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy power-ful hand.
 let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my jour-ney through.
 death of death and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Ca-naan's side.



Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

***Benediction**

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Postlude

Emma Wimberg

