



# UNLEASHING HEAVEN

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS HERE



## Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

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

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 (\*)

January 8, 2023

8:30 A.M.

**Prelude**

Jieun Lee

**Welcome**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## \*Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

For everything there is a season:  
And a time for every matter under heaven:

**A time to be born and a time to die.  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to build up.  
A time to weep and a time to laugh.

**A time to keep and a time to throw away.  
A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

A time to love and a time to hate.  
A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its time.

**God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.  
**Whatever God does endures forever.**

— Written by Rev. Thomas Weitzel, and posted on **Liturgies by TLW**.

## \*Opening Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UMH 400

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est  
come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at  
be! Let thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to

praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
home. Je - sus sought me when a stranger, wan - dering from the fold of  
thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I

bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deeming love.  
God; he, to res - cue me from danger, in - terposed his precious blood.  
love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Ted McIlvain

**We believe in God, the Creator of all that is,  
whose only desire is life and blessing,  
and whose grace alone is our salvation.**

**We follow Christ, the Lamb of God, the Forgiving One,  
who revealed God by healing, loving, and blessing.**

**By the Spirit of God that descended upon him**

**Jesus showed us a world ruled by God's grace alone.**

**He forgave his enemies and taught us to do the same,  
gentle as a lamb.**

**For his love he was crucified.**

**But on the third day God raised him to new life.**

**He lives among us still, granting to us his spirit of peace and love.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in all people,  
which makes us one;**

**and God's power in us to live with compassion and courage.**

**We are Christ's Body, the one Church.**

**We trust in the power of forgiveness,  
the reality of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life.**

**We devote ourselves as followers of the Lamb of God  
to lives of gentleness, forgiveness and compassion,  
that we ourselves may be lambs of God for the healing of the world.**

**Amen.**

-Written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and posted on his blog, unfoldinglight.net.

## **\*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**

Ted McIlvain

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

## 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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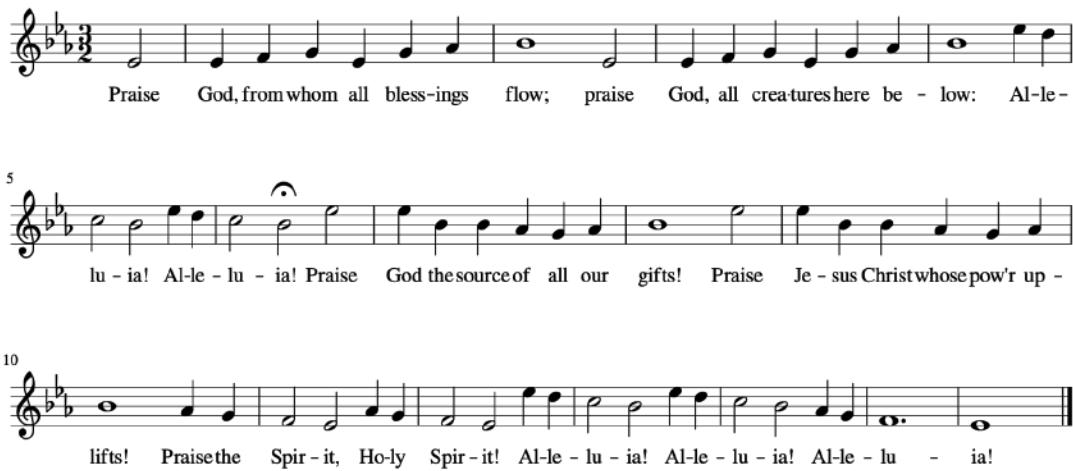
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## Offertory

*Covenant Prayer*  
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

Locklear & Seate

## \*Doxology



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

5 Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r up -

10 lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia - ia!

## Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

**41** Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. **42** When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. **43** After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. **44** Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. **45** When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. **46** After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. **47** Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. **48** When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

**49** Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" **50** But they didn't understand what he said to them.

**51** Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. **52** Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

## Sermon

*Losing Jesus  
in the Everyday*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

# 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.

## \*Invitation

Rev. Faiana Prescott Funaki

## \*Hymn of Commitment

How Firm A Foundation

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1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy  
3. "When through the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, the riv-ers of  
4. "When through fi-ery tri-als thy path-ways shall lie, my grace, all-suf-  
5. "The soul that on Je-sus still leans for re-pose, I will not, I



faith in his ex-cel-lent word! What more can he say than to  
God and will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en and help thee, and  
woe shall not thee o-ver-flow; for I will be with thee, thy  
fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I  
will not de-sert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should en-



you he hath said, to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?  
cause thee to stand up-held by my right-eous, om-ni-po-tent hand.  
trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.  
on-ly de-sign thy dross to con-sume, and thy gold to re-fine.  
deav-or to shake, I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake."



**\*Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

**Postlude**

Emma Wimberg

