



# THE JOURNEY TO: JERUSALEM



## 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 (\*)

February 26, 2023

11:00 AM

### Prelude

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior*  
The Master's Ringers

arr. Mocklebust

### Welcome

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## \*Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: What does the Lord require of you?

**ALL: To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: What does God command of us?

**ALL: To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**ALL: But to presence, and abundance,  
and grace in our struggle.**

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us,  
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**ALL: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>

## \*Opening Hymn

*There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

UMH 121

# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick W. Faber

L. Tourjee

1. There's a wide - ness  
2. There is wel - come  
3. For the love of  
4. If our love were

in God's mer - cy  
for the sin - ner,  
God is broad - er  
but more sim - ple,

like the wide - ness  
and more grac - es  
than the meas - ure  
we should rest up -

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of the sea;  
for the good!  
of our mind;  
on God's word;

there's a kind - ness  
There is mer - cy  
and the heart of  
and our lives would

in God's jus - tice,  
with the Sav - ior;  
the E - ter - nal  
be il - lu - mined

which is more than  
there is heal - ing  
is most won - der - -  
by the pres - ence

lib - er - ty.  
in - his - blood.  
ful - ly - kind.  
of - our - Lord.

## **Confession**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

**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. Daniel Hawkins

## **Children's Time**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## 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

Luke 10:25-37

**25** A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

**26** Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

**27** He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

**28** Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

**29** But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

**30** Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. **31** Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. **32** Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. **33** A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. **34** The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ **36** What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

**37** Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## **Sermon**

*Intentional and  
Unexpected Mercy*

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

## **Hymn of Response**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH 549

## 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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## Offertory Prayer

Daniel Reeves

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## Offertory

*O Love  
The Worship Choir*

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thy ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks my through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be*

# \*Hymn of Commitment

W&S 3030

*Eternal God, Transcending Time*

1. E - ter - nal God tran - - scend - ing time, yet mind - ful of the  
 2. In - car - nate God re - - vealed in time, true Word in flesh re -  
 3. Life - breath - ing God en - - liv - ening time, a - wak - ing heart and  
 4. Great Tri - ume God, so bless the time en - - trust - ed to our

4  
 fears, told, the who hopes, the ques - tions raised for us by ev - er - chang - ing  
 tongue, in that marked the years from birth to death, then rose to break death's  
 care, that spir - ing proph - ets, all our var - ied bring - ing hope, con - sol - ing old and  
 form a com - mon

8  
 years: so guide us through our pil - grim days that we may find a  
 hold: by your be - com - ing one with us, help us to know and  
 young: draw us to those de - nied your gifts by bi - as, want, or  
 prayer; then when time ceas - es, bring us where di - vi - sions are un -

12  
 home where jus - tice, truth, and mer - cy meet, ful - filled in your sha - lom.  
 claim the u - ni - ty of all bap - tized in your re - deem - ing name.  
 strife, con - vert our wills and form through us new chan - nels of your life.  
 done, that in your pres - ence, joined in praise, at last we may be one.

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Hawkins

**Postlude**

Emma Wimberg

