

TRAVEL AS A SPIRITUAL ACT

A 4-week worship series
for widening our perspectives and
loving our neighbors

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Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

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July 18, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Lara Franklin

Prelude

Amazing Grace
The Master's Ringers

trad. 19th c. melody

**All: Far from home, we know we're seeing,
everywhere is full of meaning;
diff'rent folks expand our world and awe of all
the creation and its beings.**

Opening Prayer

**All: Sojourning God,
your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path,
inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion
toward each other.
Decenter us even if we become uncomfortable.
Show us how to be humble and willing to accept
that all beings are sacred as created by you
so that we will grow in peace,
expand in love,
and deepen in understanding.
Nudge and guide us, we pray.**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought



1. He lead - eth me: O bless-ed thought! O words with heavenly
2. Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's
3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ev - er mur - mur
4. And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the



com-fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that
bow-ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that
victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan



Refrain
lead-eth me.
lead-eth me. He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me;
lead-eth me.
lead-eth me.



his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.



Confession and Assurance

8:30- Ted McIlvain

11:00- Brandie Spletzer

**All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
through what we have done and left undone.**

**Forgive us when we create boundaries of
“us” and “them” and assume scarcity where you offer abundance.
Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love.**

**Lead us to travel in your ways.
Amen.**

One: Know this:

There is a spring of life that flows throughout creation
and is available to all—to us—when we need it most.

In the midst of our fear,
Jesus calls us to be a new creation.
He is our constant companion,
inviting us to reach out to one another,
traveling together toward the Kin-dom of Love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory 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.***

Children's Time of Unpacking

Robin Bratton

We invite all the children to come forward for a message

Prayers of the People

8:30- Ted McIlvain

11:00- Brandie Spletzer

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

Revelation 21:22-26

I didn't see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

Sermon

The Reflection

Rev. Lara Franklin

Offertory Prayer

8:30- Ted McIlvain

11:00- Brandie Spletzer

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Offertory

8:30-*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/
The Solid Rock*

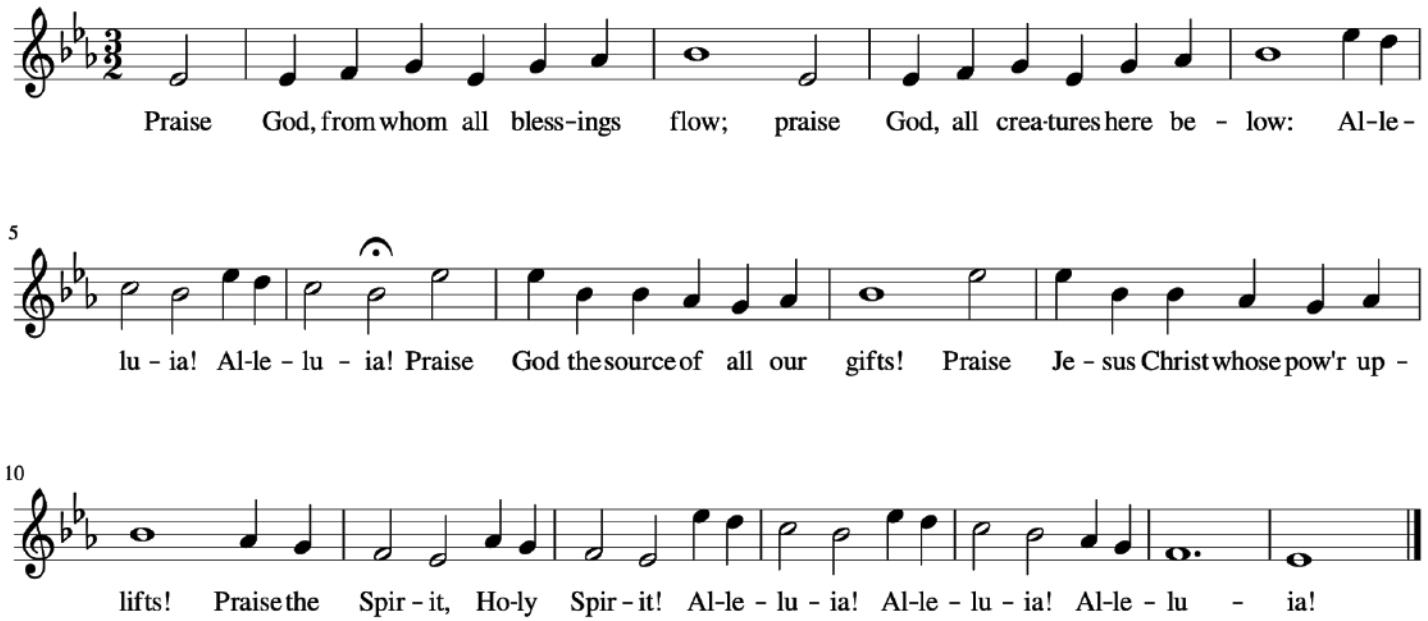
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

arr. Adams

11:00-*New Doxology
The Worship Choir*

arr. Mauldin

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation

Rev. Lara Franklin

Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

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Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil - grimage will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-tiful, the beau-tiful riv - er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Benediction

Rev. Lara Franklin

Postlude

We Gather Together

arr. C. Callahan

Emma Wimberg

