

# TRAVEL AS A SPIRITUAL ACT

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

## QUEST



### Martin United Methodist Church Service of Worship

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

July 25, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

Rev. Faiana Funaki

**Prelude**

*Beautiful Savior*  
Emma Wimberg

arr. Lani Smith

## Threshold Moment

**All: Coming home, we set our seeing  
to hold onto deeper meaning;  
loving life and making home a place for 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.**

**May we see that our home paths are the unfamiliar paths  
for someone else.**

**With renewed compassion, open our hearts for hospitality,  
so that in our welcoming, we will grow together in peace,  
expand our chances for love,  
and deepen understanding right where we are.**

**Nudge and guide us, we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Welcome*

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# Welcome

Laurie Zelman

Mark Miller

1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and  
 2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when  
 3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when  
 3  
 ask where we be - gin to build a world where  
 we will share a feast, where pride and pow - er  
 earth and heaven are one, a ci - ty built of  
 6  
 love can grow and hope can en - ter in, to  
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, and  
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where our  
 9  
 be joy the hands of heal - ing and to  
 mourn - will set the to ta - ble as we  
 - ing turns danc - ing, ev - ery  
 11  
 Refrain  
 plant join sing-ing wel - come,  
 the seed our hands to peace, sing-ing wel - come,  
 crea - ture lifts its pray, voice, cry-ing wel - come,  
 14  
 wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to  
 16  
 come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the  
 18  
 love of God to share 'cause all of us are wel - come here;  
 21  
 all are wel - come in this place

The musical score consists of 21 numbered measures. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is 4/4 for most of the piece, with a 2/4 section in measure 18. The vocal line is in soprano range. The lyrics are integrated into the musical structure, with some lines appearing on multiple lines of the staff. Measure numbers are placed to the left of the staff, and a 'Refrain' label is placed above the staff in measure 11.

## Confession and Assurance

**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 return to the familiar in fear rather than promise.**

**Forgive us when we turn inward rather than become  
the hosts you call us to be.**

**Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love.**

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

**Amen.**

One: Know this:

Jesus' welcome is always there.

He stokes the flames of love and invites us to gather 'round,  
filling our emptiness, calming our fear, making home for all.

He is our constant companion,  
inviting us to reach out in care 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.***

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

## Offertory Prayer

8:30- Ted McIlvain

11:00- Brandie Spletzer

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## Offertory

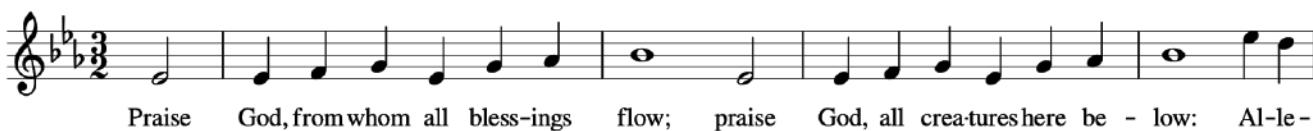
8:30- *Amazing Grace*  
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

arr. Matt Riley

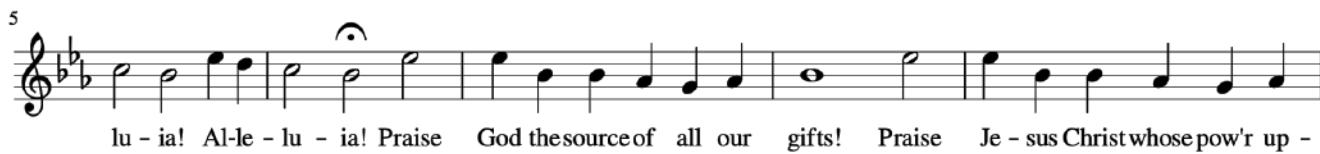
11:00- *God's Peace*  
The Worship Choir

arr. C. J. Adams

## Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alle-



lu - ia! Alle - 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! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!

## Invitation

Rev. Faiana Funaki

## Hymn

## We Are Marching in the Light of God

TFWS 2235b

SOPRANO

BASS

Piano

6

10

Si - ya  
We are  
We are

hamb' e - ku - kha nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
march - ing in the light of God.. We are march-ing in the light of God.  
sing - ing in the light of God.. We are sing - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya  
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march - ing in the light of God.. We are march-ing in the light of God.  
sing - ing in the light of God.. We are sing - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya  
mf

UNISON  
PARTS  
PARTS

14 ham - ba, ham - ba, oh, Si - ya - hamb e - ku - khe-nyen' kwen- kos',  
 ham - ba, ham - ba, march - ing, sing - ing, oh, Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - khe-nyen' kwen - kos',  
 march - ing, sing - ing, oh, We are march ing in the light of God.  
 sing - ing, oh, We are sing - ing in the light of God.

ham - ba, ham - ba, oh, Si - ya - hamb e - ku - khe-nyen' kwen- kos',  
 ham - ba, ham - ba, march - ing, sing - ing, oh, We are march ing in the light of God.  
 march - ing, sing - ing, oh, We are sing - ing in the light of God.

17 Si - ya - ham - ba, Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 Si - ya - ham - ba, We are march - ing, ham - ba,  
 We are sing - ing, We are sing - ing, march - ing,  
 We are sing - ing, sing - ing,

Si - ya - ham - ba, Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 Si - ya - ham - ba, We are march - ing, ham - ba,  
 We are sing - ing, We are sing - ing, march - ing,  
 We are sing - ing, sing - ing,

19 ham - ba, oh, Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - khe-nyen' kwen- kos',  
 ham - ba, oh, Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - khe-nyen' kwen - kos',  
 march - ing, oh, We are march ing in the light of God.  
 sing - ing, oh, We are sing - ing in the light of God.

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 sing - ing, oh, We are sing - ing in the light of God.

**Benediction**

Rev. Faiana Funaki

**Postlude**

*Bagatelles* op. 33 no. 3  
Jieun Lee

L. V. Beethoven

