



HOPE

Martin United Methodist Church

Service of Worship

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July 5, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Lara Whitley Franklin

Prelude

Call to Worship

Caleb Bennetch

One: God alone is our refuge and hope,
our shelter and protection.

**All: From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fail.**

One: So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

All: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

Let's worship God together.

Hymn

Welcome

Welcome



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



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



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



be the hands of heal - ing and to
 joy will set the ta - ble as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
 join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
 crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —



— all are wel - come in this place. —

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lara Franklin

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

1 Kings 19:7-13

Caleb Bennetch
Rev. Faiana Funaki

The Lord's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The Lord's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

Elijah replied, "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, “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?”

Sermon

“A Whisper of Hope in the Darkness”

Rev. Faiana Funaki

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Lara Franklin

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Offertory

If You Love Me
Martin UMC Virtual Choir

Joel Raney

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al-le -

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

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

Invitation to the Table of Freedom

This time of year, people across this country and from different backgrounds have traditionally come together around tables: picnic tables, kitchen tables, dining tables... for this feast, we are called to admit the complexity that lies at the edges of our celebrations.

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Prayer of Confession

One: For all the ways we colonize each other—
with expectations, beliefs, judgments, and our own fear...

All: God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

One: For all the ways we squander right relationship—
grabbing to “have” more while some go without...

All: God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

One: For all the ways we abuse our freedom—
engaging hateful speech that injures and demeans...

All: God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

One: For all the ways we deny equality—
deeming some “in” and others “out...”

All: God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

One: For all the ways we have refused to let go of privilege—
whining about how hard it is to “change” our ways, our systems, our lifestyles.

All: God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, “I have come to set the prisoner free.”

No matter what binds you this day, freedom is yours through new life in Christ.

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And so, in the name of him who came to loose the chains, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, set free to try again.
Glory to God! Amen!**

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Liberating God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts with joy!

All: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give praise to the Author of Freedom!

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

One: It is right, and a good and holy thing
to give our praise to you this day,
Liberator of all Humankind.

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And so we lift up our voices in celebration of You!

All: Holy, holy, holy are You!

We join all the prophets and saints!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

We join the parade of justice!

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord!

We add our cries and exclamations!

Hosanna in the highest!

One: Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus.

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And he told us to remember, repeating after me:

Freedom has come...

All: freedom has come,

One: and freedom is coming...

All: and freedom is coming!

One: Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body
so that we might be free to love without condition,
invite without hesitance,
go without reservation
and proclaim your freedom to all the world!
Let the people say,

All: “Amen!”

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Receiving

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may remain apart
in the strength of your Spirit,
and restrict ourselves for the benefit others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation

Rev. Lara Franklin

Hymn

Forth, in Thy Name, O Lord

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1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai-ly
 2. The task thy wis-dom hath as - signed, O let me
 3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine
 4. For thee de - light-ful - ly em - ploy what-e'er thy

la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
 in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
 boun-teous grace hath given; and run my course with

solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per-fect will.
 thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee.
 e - ven joy, and close-ly walk with thee to heaven.

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 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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Benediction

Rev. Faiana Funaki

Postlude