

February 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Worship Series: Imagine
Message: Better World
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal/TFWS – The Faith We Sing
***Stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude *Shine, Jesus Shine* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: God's promises are awesome!

People: In the midst of difficulty, God gives us a word of hope.

Pastor: Something new is coming.

People: We stand eagerly on tiptoes awaiting God's new creation.

Pastor: Prepare your hearts to receive God's mighty blessings.

**People: Open our spirits and our hearts, Lord,
to be ready to receive all that You have to offer.**

***Hymn** *In the Midst of New Dimensions* TFWS 2238

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Our loving and caring God,
we need this time together
to be united with our sisters and brothers
in the faith;
we need this time of worship
to be comforted and strengthened
in Your presence.**

We hear of wars and rumors of wars.

We read of persecution and oppression.

Remind us again of Your vision,

**that all might live in a world
of peace and justice and love.**

**May this time together
imprint this vision and promise on our hearts,
that we may live into this beloved community. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of the People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *I Have Loved You* June Shuffett

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 Jordan Biscardo

Homily *Better World* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Praying for A Better World

Prayer for Creation and Those Affected by Natural Disasters
Hymn *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

Prayer for Peace and Those Affected by War and Violence
Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431

Prayer for Unity, to Overcome Division
Hymn *Many Gifts, One Spirit* UMH 114

Prayer for Justice and Dignity of All People
Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* TFWS 2171

Prayer for Those in Poverty or Need
Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

People: O God,
we long to make a difference in our world.
We offer You what we have:
our visions and dreams;
our witness to Your saving acts of love and justice;
our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst.
We offer You our very lives,
that we may be coworkers with You
to bring about true change
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***Hymn** *We Are Called* TFWS 2172

***Benediction** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *You are My All, in All* June Shuffett