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Thanksgiving Sunday

10:30 A.M.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnals.

GATHERING . . .

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	by Luther
<i>Rejoicing (Brass Ensemble)</i>	by Handel
<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	by Neal
<i>Galliard Battaglia (Brass Ensemble)</i>	by Scheidt
<i>Preamble</i>	by Vierne

GREETINGS

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor by Bach

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 111)

L: Alleluia! Praise God!

P: I will thank God with my whole heart in the community of the faithful.

L: Great are the works of God; they are a delight to all who know them.

P: All that God has done and continues to do is full of splendor and glory; God's saving justice shall endure forever.

L: God is merciful; God is loving; God is the source of all compassion.

P: God's ways are faithful and just. God's promises are forever.

L: God has sent redemption to God's people; God has ordained a divine covenant with God's people for all time.

P: Holy and awesome is God's name!

L: The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord and those who attain it are wise.

ALL: Alleluia! Our praise of God is everlasting! Alleluia!

***CONFESSION**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

ALL: Most loving God, as we begin worship this day, we come to you in need of your forgiveness so that we may be at peace with you, with ourselves, and with one another. We confess that in our hurried, busy lives, we too often take those we love, the gift of life and of all creation for granted. We confess that our pride builds barriers among us. We confess the times "our way" has taken precedence over that which you would have us do. We confess our fears and lack of trust which have prevented us from boldly living and proclaiming the gospel. Merciful God, hear our words of confession and grant that our ears may hear the Word you intend for us this day, that we may embrace the vision of wholeness you have ordained for all your children and that we may embody the oneness in Christ you offer us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

First Song of Isiah

ACT OF PRAISE (sung by Choir and Congregation)

(Congregation is asked to join in singing the refrain, †see insert.)

REFRAIN: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my savior.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED . . .

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43: 14-28

MESSAGE

ANTHEM (by Worship Choir)

Journey Of Faith

by Price/Besig

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .

MT. ZION STATEMENT OF FAITH

ALL: The community that is Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, in covenant with one another and the world, affirms what we value and what we believe.

We believe God works through us as a family of faith.

We believe God speaks to us through the power of individual and communal prayer. We believe God accepts everyone as a child of God.

We believe God provides for us, strengthens us and is present with us in times of joy and sorrow.

We believe God forgives us and through God's forgiveness we forgive one another.

We believe God promises eternal life for all through the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord.

We celebrate God's presence, loving and accepting one another, serving others through mission, and deepening our spiritual relationship with one another. We look to the future, with hope and in faith that God provides vision for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ and equips God's people with the leadership to fulfill God's will.

HYMN NO. 313 (black hymnal)

Like a Tree Beside the Waters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Brass Ensemble)

Be Thou My Vision

arr. McNally Jr.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 551 (red hymnal)

Old Hundredth

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN (^{††}see insert)

Here I am Lord

SERVICE OF FAREWELL

GREETING

L: Church families are constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Reverend Cathy H. Sherry who is retiring from full time ministry.

RECOGNITION OF THE END

L: On June 26, 1994, Mt. Zion United Church of Christ ordained and installed Reverend Cathy H. Sherry to serve as their pastor.

Authorized Minister: I thank Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown to me these last 25 years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

P: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you are now retiring. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Authorized Minister: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE

L: Do you, the members and friends of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ release Reverend Cathy H. Sherry from the duties of Senior Pastor?

P: We do, with the help of God.

L: Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

P: We do, with the help of God.

L: Do you, Pastor Cathy, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Authorized minister: I do, with the help of God.

L: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Authorized minister: I do, with the help of God.

WITNESS OF THE ASSOCIATION/CONFERENCE

Representative: On behalf of the York Association and the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

ALL: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we help these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

RECOGNITION, GIVING & SHARING OF SYMBOLS

BENEDICTION

L: Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES . . .

***ANTHEM** (by Worship Choir)

Children of God

by Dailey/Harlan

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Go Now in Peace

ALL SING: Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***POSTLUDE**

Jubilation

by Handel

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

~Thank you to the November Worship Team of Jim Shiffer, Mary Jane Snyder & Tim Snyder for planning today's service.

~Thank you to Jesse Smith, John Sherry, Deb Herlocker & Jim Shiffer for participating in today's service. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers for representing Penn Central Conference.

~Thank you to our brass ensemble for their performances today. Our ensemble members consist of Brian Wood, Steve Myers & Ryan Myers on the Trumpet; Olivia Marsteller on the French Horn; James DeMers & Missy Kiefer on the Trombone and George DeMers on the Tuba.

~Thank you to Debbie Butcher, Steph Beyer, Becky Hester, Nancy Kinard, Holly Bievenour & Pastor Danielle for coordinating today's celebration of Pastor Cathy's ministry.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Pastor Cathy for all of her years of faithful service by Church Council.

The flowers placed on the altar are presented in honor of Pastor Cathy and her 25 years of guidance, leadership, devotion, care, comfort & love as we traveled on our journey of faith together, by Pastor Dani, Church Council, and the entire Mt. Zion UCC congregation.

The basket of flowers is presented in honor of Pastor Cathy from her loving Singles Group.

Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

Welcoming Team: Mary Jane Snyder, Anne Henry, Bob Ensminger, Jim Shiffer & Dick Everhart

Acolytes: Ethan & J.B. Sherry

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††The United Methodist Hymnal, *Here I Am Lord*, used with permission under CCLI license #322092.

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Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
 Johann Crüger, 1647
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

2030

The First Song of Isaiah

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will



trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and



he will be my Sav - ior.

Stanzas included in other editions.

WORDS: From *The Book of Common Prayer*, Cantic 9 (Isa. 12:2-6)

MUSIC: Jack Noble White

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FIRST SONG
Irregular

Like a Tree beside the Waters

Jer. 17:7-8

Unison

James F. D. Martin, 1992

1 Like a tree be-side the wa-ters, nur-tured by your lov - ing care,
 2 Like a tree be-side the riv - er, draw-ing life from ho - ly streams,
 3 We, be - side the liv-ing wa-ters, drink from your e - ter - nal life.

We, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, your en - dur-ing wit - ness bear.
 Fill us with your love for - ev - er; re - cre - ate our hopes and dreams.
 Give to all, your sons and daugh-ters, faith that ris - es o - ver strife.

In each pass - ing gen - er - a - tion may your voice of love be heard.
 Through the storms of life sus - tain us by the wis - dom of your grace.
 O Liv - ing God, most glo - rious, strength - en us for life to - day.

Bless, we pray, this con - gre - ga - tion with your ho - ly, liv - ing Word.
 May the chang-ing of the sea - sons find us in your warm em - brace.
 By the hope of time-less prom - ise guide your church up - on the Way.

James Martin wrote this text at the invitation of Campbellsport (Wisconsin) United Church of Christ for the celebration of its 125th anniversary year in 1993. Ordained to the United Church of Christ in 1980, Martin has served as pastor to churches in Wisconsin.

Tune: SILVER CREEK 8.7.8.7.D.
 Roy Hopp, 1989
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.
 I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 I will give my life to them.

2.

Refrain (Harmony)

Whom shall I send?
 Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
 Whom shall I send?

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
 MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
 77.74 D with Refrain

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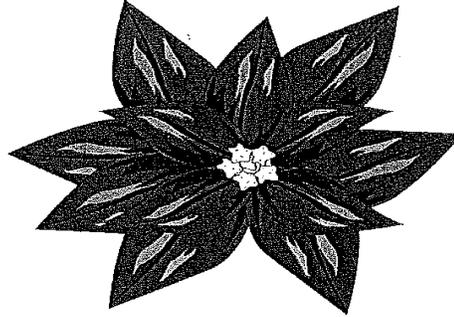
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Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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