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Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM

### **Confirmation Sunday**

*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 hymnal.

### **GATHERING . . .**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

by Manley

### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Spirit is here among us:

**P: within us, around us, between us.**

L: The Spirit is here to strengthen us:

**P: bringing courage, bringing conviction.**

L: The Spirit is here to move us:

**P: making us sing and praise.**

L: The Spirit is here.

**P: May we feel the Spirit as we gather. May we be fed by her fiery strength.  
May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.**

L: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

**P: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit as we go back out into our daily lives.**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 35** (see insert)

*No Matter*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**ALL:** Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives. We've grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines; we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE<sup>2</sup>

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

by Kendrick

**ALL SING:** Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us: Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

**GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED . . .**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

by Ylvisaker

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2: 1-8, 11b-21

**MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM** *Because He Lives, Amen* performed by Praise Band & Worship Choir  
arr. Hogan

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## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*Declan Grimes, Megan Merritt, Brooklyn Vacante, Mason Wagaman*

### INVITATION

### QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

**ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATES

### ACT OF CONFIRMATION

### PRAYER OF BLESSING AND 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.**

### VOWS OF PARTICIPATION

### PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

**L: Church family of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, you have heard that these young people desire to continue to grow in the Christian faith with you. Let us pledge to these Confirmands our continued support and care.**

**ALL: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in God's work.**

### GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SENDING FORTH

**HYMN NO. 351 (black hymnal) *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

*\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .**

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Confirmation Slideshow*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 448 (black hymnal, verses 1 & 4)

**ALL SING: Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love and help it grow, let my loving overflow. Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 558 (see insert) *We Are the Church*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

by Heben

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!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Today in worship we will confirm four young people into the Christian faith. We thank God that their journey has led them to make this profession of faith. Please join us in congratulating Declan Grimes, Megan Merritt, Brooklyn Vacante, & Mason Wagaman.

The bulletins are presented in honor of our confirmands and their families by Pastor Dani.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Jill & Stanley Miller's wedding anniversary on April 29th by Bill & Shirley McCahan.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in memory of Dale Fleming by Natalie Behrends.

Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder      Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

Welcome Team: Tammy Gordon, Bronson Gordon, Ron Miles, Olivia Miles, Brad Neal, Ryan Neal

Sound Tech: John Schriver      Video Tech: Jim Firestone

<sup>1</sup> From Ministry Matters, Pentecost 2013; <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3844/worship-elements-pentecost-2013>

<sup>2</sup> *Shine, Jesus, Shine* words & music by Graham Kendrick, ©1987 Make Way Music, admin. by Music Services in the Western Hemisphere, printed with permission under CCLI license #3220582.

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## We Are the Church

*Refrain (Unison)*

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a-round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1. The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,  
2. We're man-y kinds of peo-ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,  
3. Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave-ly burn-ing,  
4. And when the peo-ple gath-er, there's sing-ing and there's pray-ing,  
5. At Pen-te-cost some peo-ple re-ceived the Ho-ly Spir-it

the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo-ple.  
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.  
some-times it's rid-ing, some-times hid-ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.  
there's laugh-ing and there's cry-ing some-times, all of it say-ing:  
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972  
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77.87 with Refrain

# No Matter

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F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F F<sup>7</sup>

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F Dm G<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F F<sup>7</sup>

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C F F

To verses Last time, Fine

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

Verses

F B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>add</sup><sub>9</sub>

1. For we are fam - i - ly, meant to be

2. And in di - ver - si - ty, u - ni - ty,

3. To - geth - er we will sing, wor - ship bring,

4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us;

F F<sup>9</sup> F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty. Born in love,

har - mo - ny for all to see: Just - ice and

hands and hearts out - stretched to all. Je - sus praise,

lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call. Wel - come home,

B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>add</sup><sub>9</sub> G<sup>9</sup> G<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> D.C.

from a - bove, God's com - mu - ni - ty.

e - qui - ty, God's com - mu - ni - ty.

hearts a - blaze, lis - ten to God's call.

wel - come in, wel - come one and all.

# Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

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*African-American spiritual*

*Deut. 6:5-6; 10:12-16*

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

*Refrain*

In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

*Many of the enslaved of antebellum America did not want to become Christians because they did not want to adopt the religion of their captors. But this spiritual attests that the Christian faith was an internal strength and aim for many.*

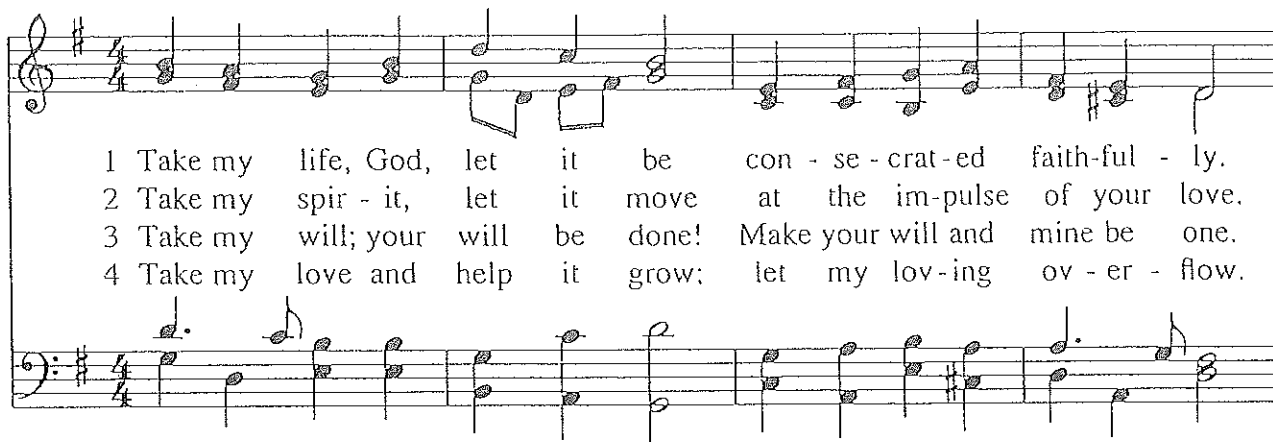
Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
 8.6.8.3. with refrain  
*African-American spiritual*  
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

# Take My Life, God, Let It Be

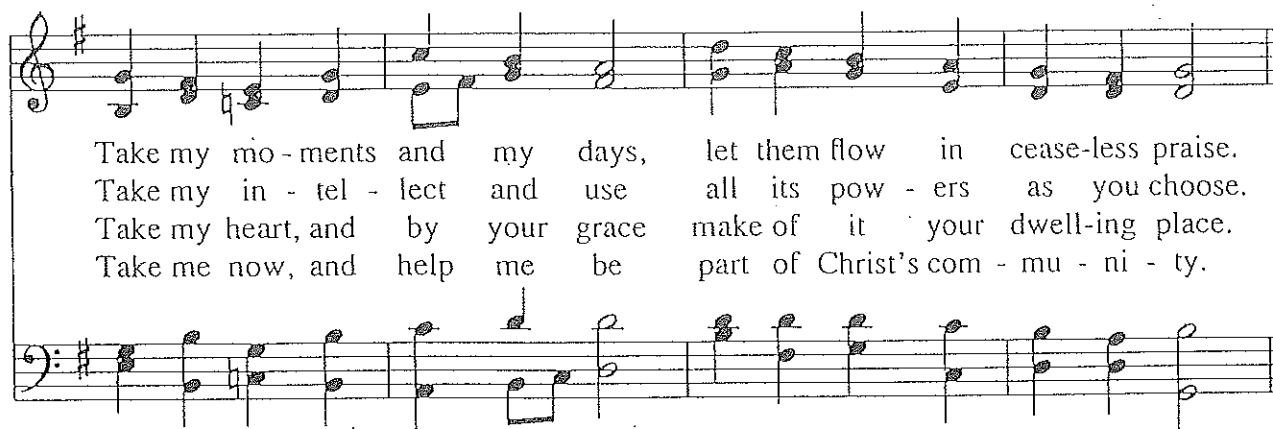
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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.  
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.  
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.



Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.  
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.  
Justin H. Knecht, 1797  
Alternate tune: HENDON