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Trinity Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

An Altar in the World: Waking Up to God

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Gentle Awakening

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: God is here!

P: How do we know that?

L: Do you hear the rustle of papers? Does your heart sing a little with the music? Do tears come unbidden to your eyes? Do you look across the room and see someone who makes you smile? Do you feel gladness in this space?

P: Is that of God?

L: The rustle, the song, the tears, the smile, the gladness-- those point to the holy.

P: And God is holy.

L: Let us worship God, who is here among us even now! Let us pray:

P: Eternal God, you created this world. You spread your colors of reds and golds, purples and greens for all to see. But we get caught up in speeding through life, looking for quick and easy answers, intent on accomplishing more, yet somehow enjoying less. Wake us up to the wonder all around. Spin us around to see and appreciate. Today in worship, let music touch our hearts and fill our souls. Slow us down enough to marvel at what you have laid before us and to offer you our thanksgiving. Help us to be a community of joy, a people of praise, a center of healing, and a gathering committed to seeing your truth. Amen.

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Help us to be quiet enough to hear your voice. Help us to be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace and we need help remembering that we must do our part in realizing that peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE² (see insert, sing two times):

The First Song of Isaiah

by White

ALL SING: 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.

RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

L: Learning about God is a lifelong process. It has been said that one of the best ways to learn is to teach. Today, we honor those who have responded to God's call to continue learning through serving as teachers in our spiritual formation programs here at Mt. Zion.

P: We thank you God, for these people.

L: For safe classrooms, for old stories made new, for art projects eagerly shared...

P: We thank you, God.

L: For gifts shared, for late nights planning lessons, for the courage to struggle with the really hard questions that learning about God brings about...

P: We thank you, God.

L: For love shown, for faith made real, and God's love made real in our midst...

P: We thank you, God.

ALL: We thank you for your commitment to our Spiritual Formation at Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. We are all on a journey to learn who God dreams for us to be and we are so grateful to have wonderful leaders and teachers like you. We pray for your strength, courage, and wisdom as you continue to inspire and teach us. Amen.

ALL SING (HYMN NO. 359, verse 5): For all who follow teaching's call with courage and with grace; To build a future for us all, we give you thanks and praise.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 28:10-22*

MESSAGE *Waking Up to God*

HYMN NO. 418 (black hymnal) *My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Debbie Butcher & Travis Pinci)

The Prayer

by Sager & Foster

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Dogwoods Pink

by Combs

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 506 (black hymnal, verses 1 & 3)

By Whatever Name We Call You

ALL SING: By whatever name we call you Fashioner of spheres, you are grander, so much wiser than our minds perceive. Labels limit understanding, God, you have no peers. So, we question-- changing, growing-- wanting to believe.

In whatever gifts we offer, All inclusive One, you accept your own creation, fragments we return. Not as owners but as stewards is our giving done. In true wonder we receive the love we cannot earn.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 405** (black hymnal) *There Are Some Things I May Not Know*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**³ (see insert)

Bind Us Together

ALL SING: Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love. There is only one God, there is only one King; there is only one body, that is why we sing. Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

***POSTLUDE**

March Royale

by Lully

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.

The bulletins are presented in honor and gratitude for our two pastors by Don & Diane Strine.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of our grandson's birthdays by Deb & Terry Barnes.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Sherry on our wedding anniversary by Ken Dunbar.

Thank you to Debbie Butcher and Travis Pinci for performing today's special music.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Nancy Schwartz, Joan Masimore, Sherry Dunbar

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barb Stebbins, Carol Hartman, Ivy & Norman Leach

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

¹ The call to worship is adapted from : <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

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Mt. Zion's Leaders in Spiritual Formation
2015-2016

Elaina Angelone	Missy Kiefer
Elaine Bevivino	Scott Kiefer
Dave Beyer	Wendy Kindig
Steph Beyer	Sandy King
Holly Bievenour	Teal Morcos
Bob Bievenour	Bonnie Murphy
Brigitte Bradnick	Alan Neff
David Bradnick	Holly Ray
Jess Crowell	Robin Schriver
Danika Dallam	Melissa Shindler
Drew Dallam	Suzanne Skennonto
Dani Devine	Nancy Sleeper
Doug Devine	Dave Strine
Tammy Gordon	Kathy Sweeney
Matt Grimes	Joe Vacante
Tami Grimes	Rhonda Vacante
Cindy Hogentogler	Carrah Wagaman

I Woke Up This Morning

African-American traditional

Leader (Unison) All (Harmony)

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

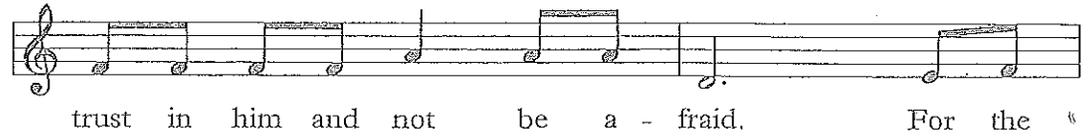
Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

The spirituals that were passed down through the African-American oral tradition were not only enduring but also adaptable. During the civil rights movement of the 1960s this spiritual was sung as "Woke up this morning with my mind on freedom."

Tune: WOKE UP THIS MORNING Irr.
African-American spiritual
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

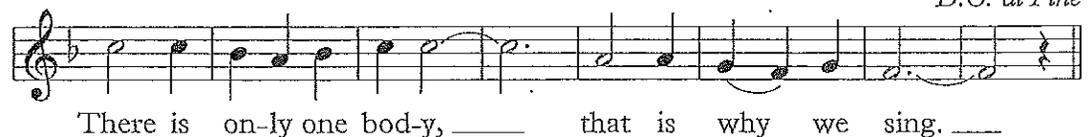
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The First Song of Isaiah

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Bind Us Together

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WORDS: Bob Gilbman (Col. 3:14)

BIND US TOGETHER

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live

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Tom Hunter, 1992

1 O God, who teach - es us to live and
 2 For love that wel - comes chil - dren in and
 3 For wis - dom, skills, and con - fi - dence where
 4 For words and num - bers, hopes and dreams that
 5 For all who fol - low teach - ing's call with

guides us on our way, For all the teach - ers
 holds them when they stray, For knowl - edge hearts and
 won - der leads to faith, For those who ask and
 grow from day to day, For in - spi - ra - tion's
 cour - age and with grace To build a fu - ture

in our midst, we give you thanks and praise.
 souls re - ceive, we give you thanks and praise.
 those who hear, we give you thanks and praise.
 mes - sen - gers, we give you thanks and praise.
 for us all, we give you thanks and praise.

United Church of Christ minister Tom Hunter describes himself as a "minstrel" for schools and churches across the United States. This hymn was written "to celebrate and thank teachers in both Sunday and weekday schools because their work shapes the future for us all."

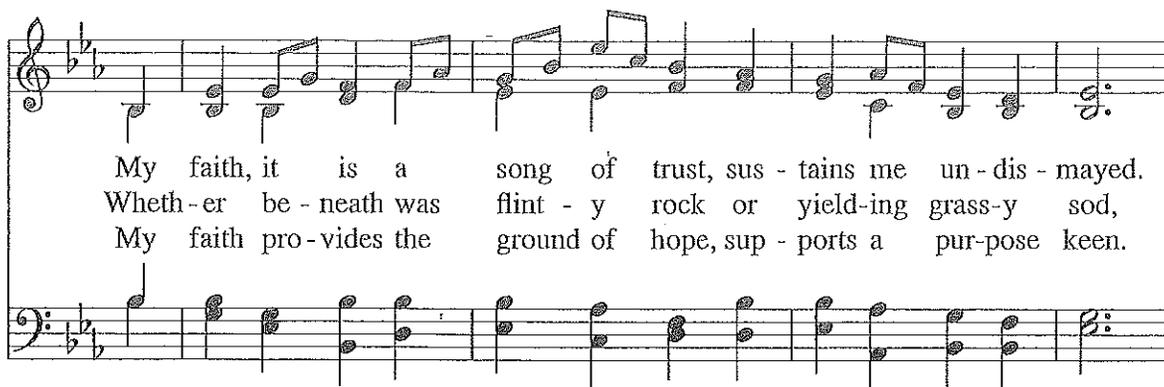
Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
 William Croft, 1708

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

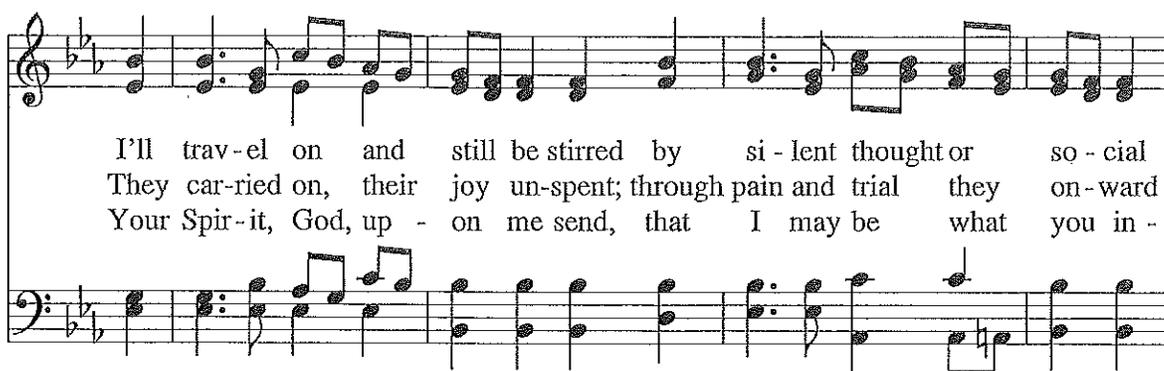
Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; alt.



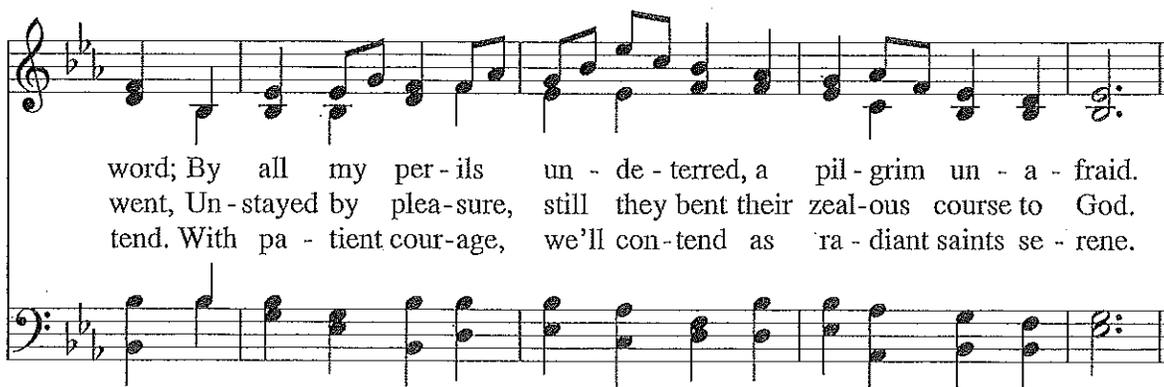
1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav - eler's well-loved aid;
 2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav - el - ers have trod,
 3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.



My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
 Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield - ing grass - y sod,
 My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur - pose keen.



I'll trav - el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
 They car - ried on, their joy un - spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
 Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -



word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
 went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal - ous course to God.
 tend. With pa - tient cour - age, we'll con - tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

A gifted Congregational minister in London, Thomas Toke Lynch was the subject of controversy within the churches upon the publication of his hymn collection, The Rivulet, which received poor reviews. This hymn was labeled Lynch's "best" when it appeared in Congregational Praise (1951).

Tune: THE STAFF OF FAITH 8.6.8.6.8.8.8.6.
 Swiss folk melody
 Fellowship Hymn Book, 1910

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

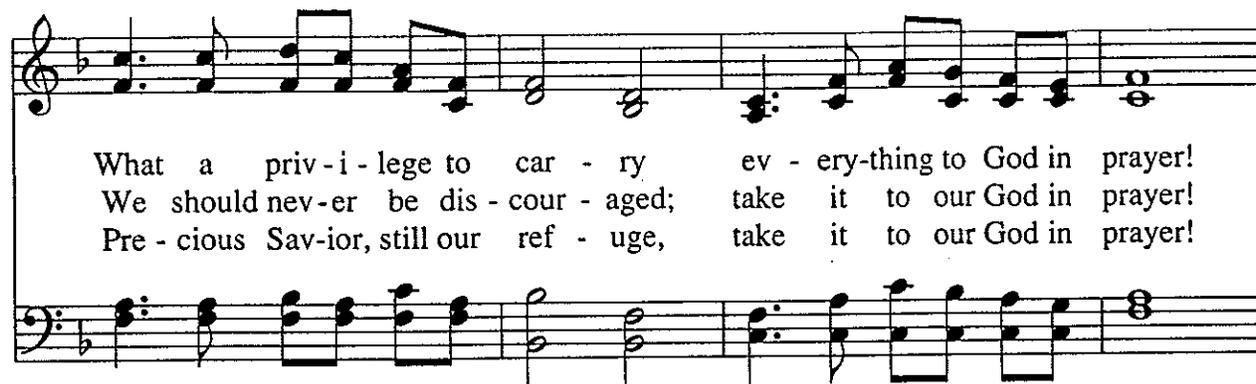
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Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

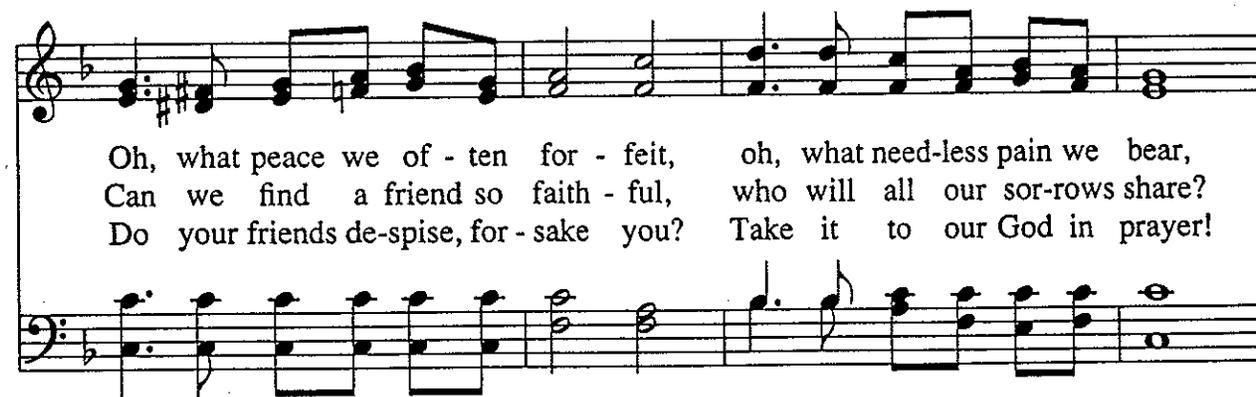
Phil. 4:6-7



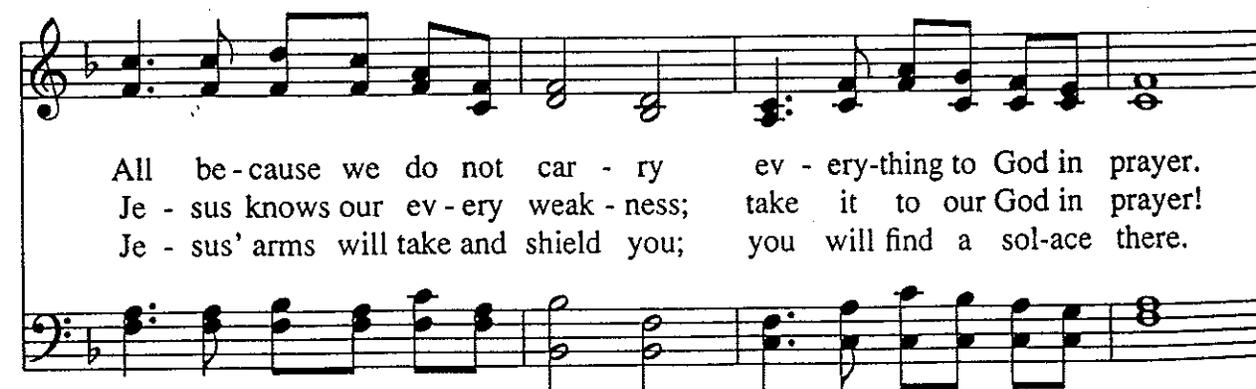
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
Charles C. Converse, 1868

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

(Yes, God Is Real)

Kenneth Morris, 1942; alt.

Unison ³

1 There are some things I may not know, there are some
 2 Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, all can de -
 3 I can - not tell just how you felt when Je - sus

plac - es I can't go, But I am sure of this one
 sert and leave me a - lone, But as for me I'll take God's
 took your sins a - way, But since that day, yes, since that

thing, that God is real for I can feel God deep with - in.
 part, for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.
 hour, God has been real for I can feel God's ho - ly power.

Refrain ³

Yes, God is real, real in my soul; yes, God is real for God has

This gospel song by Kenneth Morris is considered his most successful composition. It has become a standard in many African-American churches, and has been translated into twenty-four languages. Morris is also known for his musical arrangements, which number more than 3,000.

Tune: YES, GOD IS REAL 8.8.8.12. with refrain
 Kenneth Morris, 1942

FAITH

washed and made me whole; God's love for me is like pure

gold, yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.