

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

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New Year's Day

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping 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

### PRELUDE

*A Time of Meditation*

by

Benoit

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed is the One who spoke and the world came into being.

**P: Blessed is the One who creates the world.**

L: Blessed is the One who speaks and does.

**P: Blessed is the One who decrees and fulfills.**

L: Blessed is the One who has compassion for the earth.

**P: Blessed is the One who has compassion for all creatures.**

L: Blessed is the One who rewards those who seek God.

**P: Blessed is the One who lives eternally and exists forever.**

L: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves.

**ALL: Blessed is the Holy One.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 28** (black hymnal) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

**ALL:** Almighty God, creator of all that is and sovereign of our lives, we come to you now seeking your Grace. We seek to be in tune with you and your will, we seek to live according to the seasons that you have set for our lives and for our world. We seek to be your people. We confess to constructing our lives as if our will for them is all that matters. We confess that we have sought to make our lives our own, without thinking about how we could make them more fully yours. Forgive us God. Bring us in close to you. Help us to feel the rhythm of your timing, bring us into sync with your will. Help us to see that the seasons of our lives, the seasons of our world, are all just a part of your larger vision for the created order. Help us to find our place within that order, and to feel your loving embrace more fully. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (Hymn No. 509, verse 1)

**ALL SING:** How deep the silence of the soul that lives within your grace. How full the gratitude of heart in your abiding place. What rich serenity is found, what courage and release when wisdom teaches us to seek the gentle path to peace.

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

**SCRIPTURE** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 412** (black hymnal)

*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

**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.

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**OFFERING**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Noel in G*

by Daquin

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 562 (black hymnal, v. 1) *Take My Gifts*

**ALL SING:** Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me, gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free, now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away, now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 25** (black hymnal) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Winter Peace*

by Brickman

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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.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the music department's Christmas program by Mary Jane Snyder.

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Thank you to Anne Henry for serving as our guest organist today.

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

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8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Tim Snyder

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carol & Tom Bair, Jeff & Nancy Sleeper

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery & WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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