

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*

by Smith

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Let the mystery of God draw us in.

**P: Beautiful, just, merciful!**

L: Let the wisdom of God surprise us.

**P: Vulnerable, powerful, searching!**

L: Let the glory of God shine through our work!

**P: Bright and good!**

L: In the mystery, the wisdom, the glory of God:

**P: Let us worship!**

L: Let us pray.

**ALL: Wonderful God, we gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of faithful people. Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths that we may begin to glimpse your grace: what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived-- all you have prepared for those who love you. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory. Amen.**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 49** (black hymnal) *Ask Me What Great Things I Know*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Merciful God, hear our prayer. Come to us in the midst of our distortions and confusion to lead us to the good you have prepared for us. We confess that we have put our own pleasure ahead of your purposes. We have preferred our limited wisdom to your limitless revelation. We have been more ready to fight with one another than to free the oppressed, more inclined to feed our own egos than to give bread to the hungry. O God, we do not want to continue our oppressive ways. Forgive us, and help us to change. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. (#2162, Faith We Sing)

*Grace Alone*

**ALL SING:** Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind, is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown, he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

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

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 294** (black hymnal)

*There's a Spirit in the Air*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

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**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Wrapped in Starlight*

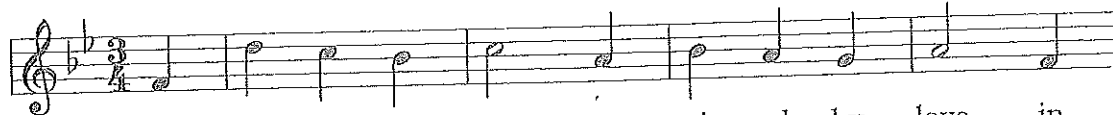
by Combs

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (#2175 FWS, v. 1 & 4) *Together We Serve*

GRACE

2175

**Together We Serve**



1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in -  
 2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a  
 3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the  
 4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re -



vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We  
 lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We  
 bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care. We  
 mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -



work and we pray through sor - row and joy, ex -  
 learn, year by year, to let love shine through un -  
 of - fer a home to those who will come, our  
 geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, re -



tend - ing your love to the last and the least.  
 til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
 hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
 mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon

SAN ANSELM  
55.11

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 311** (black hymnal)

*Renew Your Church*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Let Your Light So Shine*

by Birchwood

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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!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Tom and Carol Bair's birthdays by Tom and Carol Bair.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our new secretary Travis Pinci by the congregation.

The bulletins this morning are presented in memory of Elaine Bevivino's mother, Harriet Kiessling by Perry, Elaine, and Joey Bevivino.

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.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Mike and Kathy Ferree; Barry and Nancy Schwartz

8 AM Sound Tech: Ivy Leach

8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Elaine & Joey Bevivino; Sandy & Hunter King

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Mason DeMers

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup> Taken from *Worship Ways*, February 5, 2017, [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

<sup>2</sup> Taken from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2: Liturgical Resources for Year A*, by Lavon Bayler

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# Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

Johann C. Schwedler, 1741  
 Transl. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863; alt.

1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14

1 Ask me what great thing I know that de - lights and stirs me so,  
 2 Who de - feats my fierc-est foes? Who con - soles my sad - dest woes?  
 3 Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?  
 4 This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and stirs me so:

What the high re - ward I win, whose the name I  
 Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all that  
 Who holds all my days se - cure, in God's heart where  
 Faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who tri - umphed

glo - ry in: Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
 grief im - parts? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
 love is sure? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
 o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

*Johann Christoph Schwedler, one of the most powerful preachers of Germany, was author of more than 450 hymns. This hymn was frequently used at funerals in Schwedler's native Silesia.*

Tune: HENDON 7.7.7.7.  
 H. A. César Malan, 1827

# There's a Spirit in the Air

John 6:24-35, 51-58; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 1 John 4

Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1987

1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:  
 2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:  
 3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:  
 4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:  
 5 When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:

"Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."  
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

6 May the Spir - it fill our praise,  
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
 God in Christ has come to stay.  
 Live to - mor - row's life to - day.

7 There's a Spir - it in the air,  
 call - ing peo - ple ev - ery - where:  
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
 liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

*Brian Wren celebrates the Spirit's work in the world in this text written for Pentecost at Hockley, England. In it, Wren borrows a poetic device from the Isaac Watts hymn "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" with the alternating repetition of two choruses.*

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.7.  
 Medieval French melody  
 Harm. Richard Redhead, 1853

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# I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.

*Unison*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . . faith - ful their whole lives  
 2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov - ing that made them  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun - dreds of thou - sands

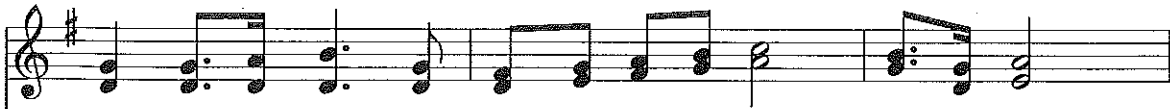
*This text was included in Lesbia Scott's Everyday Hymns for Little Children with her original words, music, and illustrations.*

Tune: GRAND ISLE Irr.  
 John H. Hopkins, 1940

# Renew Your Church

*Matt. 5:13-16; Luke 11:1-4; Mark 12:28-34*

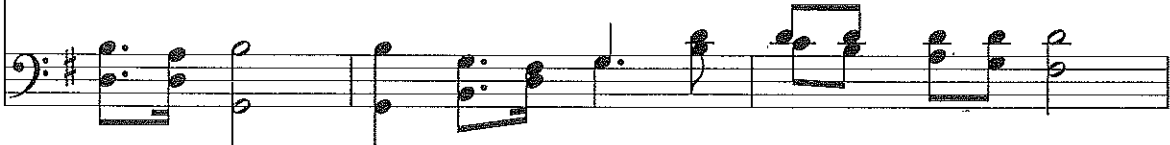
*Kenneth L. Cober, 1960; alt.*



1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve  
 2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path  
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice  
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—



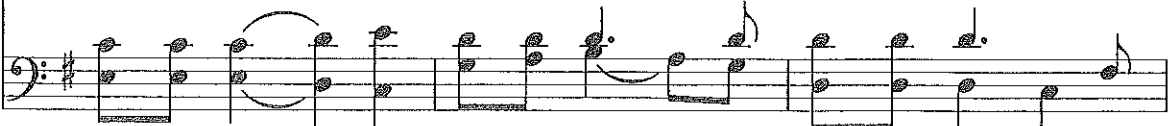
and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,  
 let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;  
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;  
 hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;



and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows  
 from each page show your face. As you have sent your  
 this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence  
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and



of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O  
 Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O  
 keep us still that we may find for us your will And  
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your



send us forth with power en-dued. Help us, God, be re-newed.  
 let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.  
 seek your guid-ance ev-ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.  
 grace we must be mind-ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.

## We Love Your Realm, O God

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Timothy Dwight, 1801  
 Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8

1 We love your realm, O God, all plac-es where you reign.  
 2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has giv-en life  
 3 We rec-og-nize, with pain, that we have not a-chieved  
 4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, con-tin-ues to for-give,

We rec-og-nize, with hope and joy, the world as your do-main.  
 To form com-mu-ni-ties of love that seek to heal our strife.  
 The faith-ful-ness of our re-solve when we at first be-lieved.  
 De-liv-ering us from our mis-takes, in-vit-ing us to live.

5 Be-yond our bro-ken-ness,  
 we seek to know your ways  
 Of deep com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows,  
 and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.  
 We trust your reign is sure.  
 E-quip us for those dai-ly tasks  
 that help your world en-dure.