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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Communion

The 3 Great Loves: Love of Creation

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace. At this service, communion will be served by intinction. All who are able are welcome to process down the center aisle to receive communion. You may take a piece of bread and then proceed to the juice. You can dip the bread in the cup, or you may take an individual cup. For those who need to remain seated, please indicate to a welcome team member or the pastor and communion will be brought to your seat. Thank you!

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 (Played by Hannah McCracken)

Distant Chimes

*The pianist asks that you please hold your applause following this piece.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come with thanksgiving for the wonders of this warm and sunny season.

P: Let us praise the God of the harvest.

L: We come with anticipation for all that lies ahead at home, at church, and in our community.

P: Let us praise the God of the banquet.

L: We come with joy in the knowledge that the Spirit remains constant through the seasons of life.

P: Let us praise the God of the seasons. Let us sing our praise to God!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

L: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."

ALL: You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

L: Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."

ALL: Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

L: We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."

ALL: We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky, and sea.

L: We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

ALL: We confess that we often put our own interests first- exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

L: We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

ALL: We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

L: We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

ALL: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

L: We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."

ALL: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

L: We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."

ALL: Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

L: We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."

ALL: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.

L: We pray, "Amen."

ALL: We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so." We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 143 (UM Hymnal, see attached)

On Eagle's Wings

ALL SING: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

HYMN NO. 3 (black hymnal)

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC (played by Hannah McCracken)

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
arr. Kelsey

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

Morning Has Broken

arr. Mier

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 147 (UM Hymnal, refrain, vs. 4, refrain, see attached)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ALL SING: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION⁴

INVITATION

L: Once upon a time, God made a garden, and every creature lived in it happily with God...Come, taste and remember, taste, see how good God is.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

P: Thank you, Creator God, for sharing your life with us in every good thing of this world.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Thank you most of all for Jesus, who sat us down to eat and drink good bread and good wine, so that in tasting how good they are we could remember how good you are.

P: He is our East, our Eden, our Garden of Peace. In him we find the fullness of life you desired for us from the start—walking together, sharing food, living in peace.

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

L: Eating and drinking together,

ALL: we remember his death, we rejoice in his rising, and we wait for him to come again, to judge in mercy, to welcome in love, and restore all creation, to the praise and glory of God.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

L: Send the Spirit to this table now where Christ still sits us down, where we still remember him.

P: Bless the bread and the cup, fruit of the earth and work of our hands. May they become by your grace the taste of Eden in our hearts.

L: As we eat and drink together, let us see more clearly a vision of life as you meant it to be.

P: Consecrate us to the ministry of making it so, by sharing earth's goodness with all, in reverence and hope, with justice, and joy. Amen.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

At this time, all who are able are welcome to process down the center aisle to receive communion. You may take a piece of bread and then proceed to the juice. You can dip the bread in the cup, or you may take an individual cup. For those who need to remain seated, please indicate to a welcome team member or the pastor and communion will be brought to your seat. Thank you!

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***PRAYER OF THANKSIGIVING**

ALL: Gracious God, you have given us much this day: the wheat and grapes which found our feast, the wit and will to transform them into bread and wine, and the precious presence of your Son who transfigures and redeems all that we have broken and lost. Send us out now to care for this fragile earth, our island home. Grant us the wisdom and courage to transform the irreverent ways we live, and the saving presence of your son, Jesus Christ, who goes before us and calls us into this world you love. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 8 (black hymnal)**

Praise to the Living God

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

New Faith, New Life

by Ritter

NOTES

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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! If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

The bulletins are presented by the Bevivino family in honor of all the talented musicians that have been providing music over the summer for our congregation. Thank you for sharing your talents with us all!

Thank you to Hannah McCracken for providing special music at both services.

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: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder; Becky & Jerry Hester

8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Tori Everhart, George DeMers; Robin and Emily Schriver

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹(From Limestone Presbyterian Church, "The Lord's Prayer and Creation Care: A Litany of Confession ." Written by Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette.)

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³*All Things Bright and Beautiful*, Tune: English melody adapt. By Shaw. Reprinted under One License #A-725030

⁴<https://sicutlocutusest.com/2016/04/22/a-service-of-holy-communion-for-earth-daycreation-sunday/>

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

Descant

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,
 2 I sing the good - ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea - tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Oh, how your won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

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HYMN NO. 12 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD CONTINUED

Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all - the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle staff is the alto line in treble clef. The bottom staff is the bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen
Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

On Eagle's Wings

143

D Asus4 A7 D

And God[†] will raise you* up on ea-gle's wings,

Em A7 D D7 G Em A

bear you* on the breath of dawn, make you* to shine like the sun, and

Bm F#m Em7 A7 D

hold you* in the palm of God's‡ hand.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'On Eagle's Wings'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has a vocal line starting with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics 'And God† will raise you* up on ea-gle's wings,'. The piano accompaniment features chords D, Asus4, A7, and D. The second system has the lyrics 'bear you* on the breath of dawn, make you* to shine like the sun, and'. The piano accompaniment features chords Em, A7, D, D7, G, and Em A. The third system has the lyrics 'hold you* in the palm of God's‡ hand.' The piano accompaniment features chords Bm, F#m, Em7, A7, and D. The score concludes with a double bar line.

† or "you"
* or "us"
‡ or "your"

WORDS: Michael Joncas, 1979 (Ex. 19:4)
MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1979; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

ON EAGLE'S WINGS
Irr. with Refrain

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PROVIDENCE, see further:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 209 Blessed Be the God of Israel | 707 Hymn of Promise |
| 199 Canticle of Mary | 200 Tell Out, My Soul |
| 208 Canticle of Zechariah | |

Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.

For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24-25; Jer. 10:12-13; 2 Esd. 16:56-60

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♪♪♪♪

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -
 wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca šbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in worship, at communion, and for births, funerals, and burials. Renville helped establish the Lac qui Parle mission in Minnesota. Frazier, a Native American, was a Congregational minister.

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6.
 Native American melody (Dakota)
 Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842.
 Harm. James R. Murray, 1877

147 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain (Unison)

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful: the Lord God made them all.

Fine

1. Each lit - tle flower that o-pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tains, the riv - er run-ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

D.C.

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun-set and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al - mighty, who has made all things well.

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored *The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868