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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 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

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

by Bonner

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 86: 1-7)

L: Lord, listen closely to me and answer me, because I am poor and in need.

P: Guard my life because I am faithful. Save your servant who trusts in you.

L: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, because I cry out to you all day long.

P: Make your servant's life happy again because, my Lord, I offer my life to you.

L: Because my Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you. Listen closely to my prayer, Lord; pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy.

P: Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you, because you will answer me.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 562 (black hymnal)**

Take My Gifts

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

L: Do you believe in God?

P: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYING & POURING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

DOXOLOGY

ALL SING (x2): Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

(10:30 AM) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mike and Karen Gibbs

Rev. Jeffrey & Danielle Kardisco

Shirley Kline

Corey & Katelyn McCarthy

QUESTIONS OF THE NEW MEMBERS

QUESTION OF COVENANT WITH THE CONGREGATION

L: We are blessed and grateful this day to celebrate in the baptism of Shirley and Corey... Community of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, do you promise to care for these people, to learn and grow with them and to share with them the joy and wonder of God's world?

P: We will, with the help of God.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4: 1-13

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 563 (black hymnal)

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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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OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

by Bradbury

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 420 (black hymnal, v. 1) *We Praise You, O God*

ALL SING: We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 575 (black hymnal)

O For a World

***BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

by Price/Besig

ALL SING: Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*POSTLUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

NOTES

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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!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of those who provide food for the soup kitchen.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the volunteers who made Oktoberfest a success.

Thank you to the October Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Nancy Sleeper, Paulette Smith, Doris Loucks, and Pastor Jeff.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service and the Children's Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

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: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Hayden, Holt, Danika, and Drew Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Nancy and Jesse Smith; Nancy and Jeff Sleeper

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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Take My Gifts

562

Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
2 Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
3 Take what-ever I can offer— gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,

now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter— flavor of the Jesus life,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.
Colin Gibson, 1991
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

John 10:10

Ruth Duck, 1984; rev. 1989

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it, she wanted to "emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation."

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
 Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels
 for the Sunday School, New York, 1869

O for a World

575

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839