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Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM

**Gather Round: Childhood Stories All Grown Up**  
**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: The Fiery Furnace**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*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.*

*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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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 pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*I Gave My Life For Thee*

by Bliss

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

**P: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

L: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

**P: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.**

L: Let us worship God.

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

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 439 (black hymnal)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** We care, O God. We really do. But the world is so broken, sometimes we don't even know where to begin. Other times it's just easier to keep doing what we've always done. But we heard Your call to be different and to be the difference in this world. So reshape us when we get hung up on what we can't do rather than what we can do; when we turn down the chance to stand up for what is right; when our courage decides to take a vacation; when it's easier to be a part-time Christian rather than a full-time Christian. Reshape us so that Your kingdom comes and Your will is done here on earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2022 (FWS, see insert)

*Great is the Lord<sup>3</sup>*

**ALL SING:** Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Emmalin Marie Flowers*

*Parents: Luke & Amanda Flowers*

*Godparents: Melissa Ann Lesser & Douglas Alan Lesser*

HYMN NO. 351 (black hymnal)

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

SCRIPTURE

*Excerpts from Daniel 3*

MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by the Saints)

*Faith, Hope, & Joy*

by Culver

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

## JOYS & 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.

### OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Tis' So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* by Kirkpatrick

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2036 (FWS) *Give Thanks*

**ALL SING:** Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks. Give thanks!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HOLY COMMUNION<sup>s</sup>

*(Please note that the outer rings contain grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.)*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL:** We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 467 (Methodist hymnal, see p. 4)

*Trust and Obey*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Our Refuge and Our Strength*

by Calendar

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

## Trust and Obey

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1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word  
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share,  
 3. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of His love  
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at His feet

what a glo - ry He sheds on our way! Let us do His good will;  
 but our toil He does rich - ly re - pay; not a grief or a loss,  
 un - til all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor He shows  
 or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do,

He a - bides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.  
 and the joy He be - stows are for those who will trust and o - bey.  
 where He sends we will go; nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way

to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887  
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY  
 6.6.9 D with refrain

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# NOTES

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

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my son, John's, birthday by Monika Fauth. Happy Birthday John!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jeff Sleeper's birthday from Drew, Danika, Holt, & Hayden Dallam.

The bulletins are presented in memory of my brother, George R. Bridgette, by Suzanne Skennonto.

Thank you to the Saints for providing special music at both services 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: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, Terry Barnes, & Dan Kinard

8 AM Sound Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

<sup>1</sup><https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.montreat.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/2016-MYC-Omega-Worship-Resources-Friday.pdf?x48005>

<sup>3</sup>*Great is the Lord*. Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith. © 1982 Meadowgreen Music Company. CCLI Song # 1149. CCLI License # 3220582.

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<sup>5</sup>The communion liturgy was written by Jeanyne Slettom, and posted online at <http://oldsite.processandfaith.org/resources/liturgy/brief-communion-service>.

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# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,  
4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to  
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.  
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.



*There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.*

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.  
Martin Luther, c. 1529  
Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.  
For another version, see 440

# Great Is The Lord

Words and Music by  
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

$\text{♩} = 60$  VERSE



Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His love. \_\_\_\_\_

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Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true by His mer - cy He proves He is love. \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS

9



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise.

13



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the

18



Lord! \_\_\_\_\_



## I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

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Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D to beginning

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

*John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.*

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.  
 John Ylvisaker, 1985