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First Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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 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

It is Well

by Bliss

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: During the season of Lent it is our practice to give something up.

P: We give up those things that burden us and hold us down.

L: In giving up those things that hinder us we make room for God to inspire us to new things.

P: As we clear space in our hearts and in our lives, we seek God to fill it with things that can help us to grow closer to our Creator.

L: Give up control. Give up your control and worship God this day with the fullness of your heart, longing for nothing more than to be filled by God's Holy Spirit.

P: Today we let go and we give up control, so that all the distractions and anxieties of our lives will be left behind as God's Spirit sweeps us away in our worship.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 403** (black hymnal) *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Our Lord our God. You find us gathered here to proclaim and to hear your word, to call on you, and to praise you. Yet you know what kind of people we all are, and we know it ourselves. We cannot hide before you our hardened hearts, our impure thoughts, our sinful desires. Nor can we deny the troubles they have caused, and will cause. They only help to disturb and to destroy the peace on earth. Our words and actions are in vain if you do not speak and act in our midst. We completely rely upon your promise of mercy and compassion. To this promise we cling. You can do what we cannot do. We believe and trust that you will do it, not because we are good and strong, but because you are. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 198 (black hymnal, refrain, vs. 1, refrain) *Lift High the Cross*

ALL SING: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name. Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Child of God. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

One Great Hour of Sharing Video

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-17

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 410 (black hymnal)

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTEM**

I Surrender All

arr. Johnson

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hungry

by Scott

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 785 (black hymnal) *We Give You But Our Own*

ALL SING: We give you but our own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION²

L: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

L: This table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ more deeply, and who wish to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER²

L: God be with you!

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being... We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

P: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PROCLAMATION

L: By eating this bread and drinking from this cup, we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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 THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING²

ALL: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (#523, Worshipping Church Hymnal see p. 5)

Trust and Obey

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

by Neumark

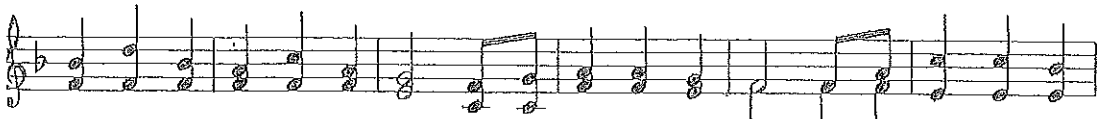
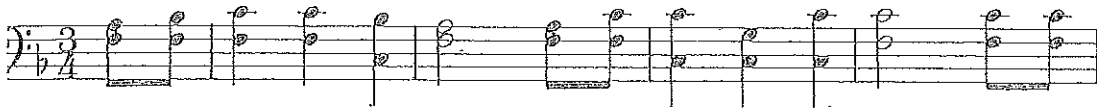
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Trust and Obey 523

Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Eph. 5:8



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



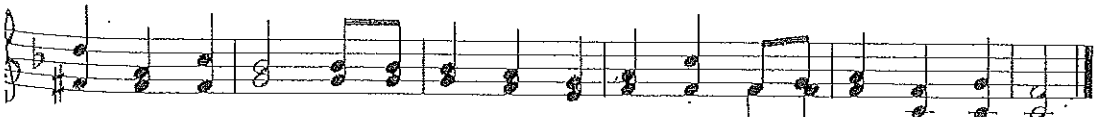
glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will



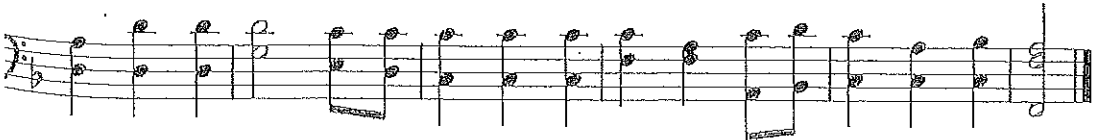
Refrain



still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.



ORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887
 USIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY
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*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!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Brian Kinard's birthday by Mom and Dad.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of John Schriver's birthday by Robin, Emily, and Carly.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Edward Kiessling (Elaine's father) by Perry, Elaine, and Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to the Worship 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: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Ivy Leach, Terry Barnes, Tim Snyder, and Kathy Ensminger

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Carrah Wagaman, Bob Katherman, Carter Beyer, Steph Beyer, and Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹ The Prayer of Confession is modified from Karl Barth, "Blessed Be the Lord" (1959), *Deliverance to the Captives*.

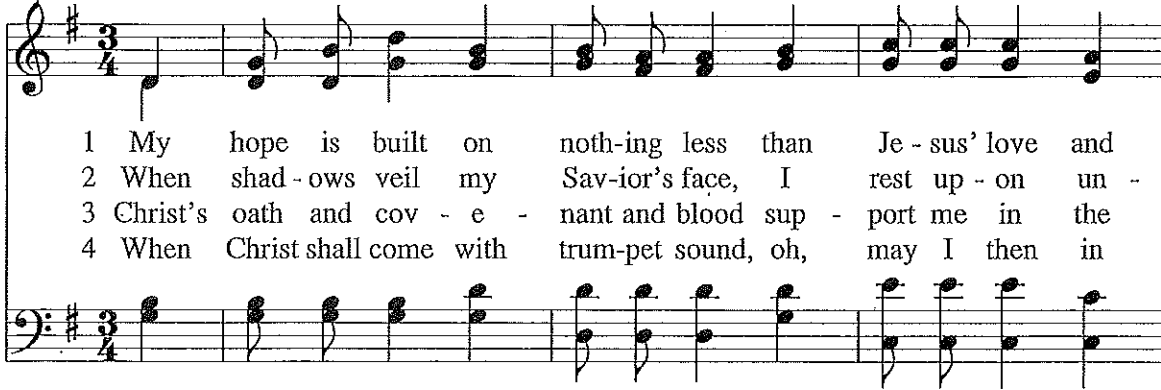
² The Invitation, Communion Prayer, and Prayer of Thanksgiving are taken from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship, Service of Word and Sacrament I, United Church of Christ Local Church Ministries, Cleveland Ohio. 2012.

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

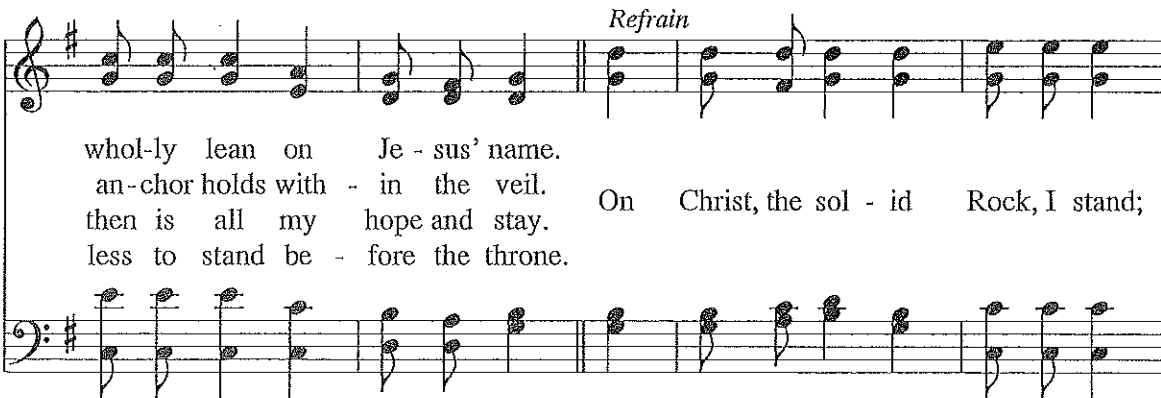


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav-ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

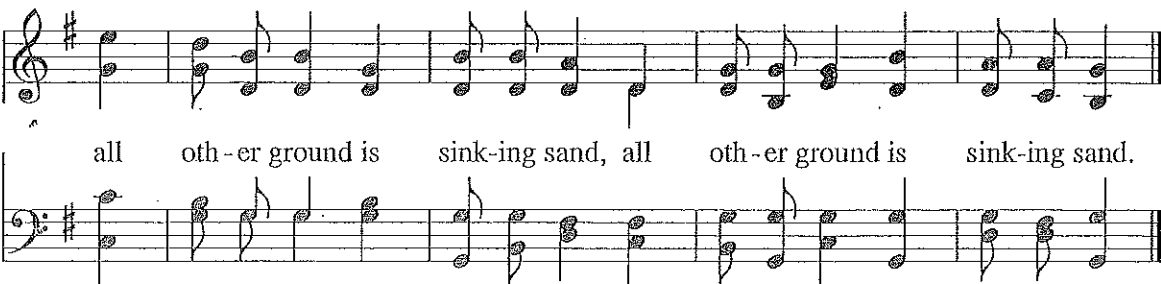


righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin (1827-1912)

John 1:29-34; Rom. 5:6-11; 6:3-8; Rev. 7:9-17; 22:1-5

Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim; Let

Last time, end

all a-dore and praise that sa-cred name.

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, the
2 Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
3 O Christ, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
4 Set up your throne, that earth's de-spair may cease, be-
5 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

to Refrain

Lamb vic-tor-ious, Christ the Child of God.
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
neath the shad-ow of its heal-ing peace.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

Since its first inclusion in a U.S. hymnal in the 1970s, this hymn has become enormously popular. G. W. Kitchin and M. R. Newbolt were Church of England ministers. Sydney Nicholson

Tune: CRUCIFER 10.10. with refrain
Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

410

Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
 heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
 faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv - ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
 will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
 there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
 wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
 guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
 Georg Neumark, 1657