

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Giving Up Enemies**

*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**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Mason

### **"LOVE COMES TO LIFE"**

*Video*

## **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:** You have heard it said, you must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. Jesus' teachings show us that we must give up our vengeful hearts to make room for love. Let us worship in this space, letting go of those feelings and assumptions that create enemies in our lives.

**P:** We worship God, holding onto the faith that God's grace is greater than we can ever imagine. We welcome that grace into our own lives, and through our worship we seek to share in that grace and love.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 597** (black hymnal)

*Shall We Gather at the River*

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

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**ALL:** Holy and merciful God, great is your loving kindness, for you have given us this day and gathered us here so that we may call upon you. But what are we before you? How much conceit, hardness of heart, and falsehood is there in our thoughts, words, and deeds? And as a result, how much confusion and perplexity, how much suffering and misery do we find here and everywhere on this earth? Yet as we face these troubles, your loving heart is open to us, your hand remains strong to hold us, to guide us and to free us. You do not forget nor reject any one of us. You are near to all of us. You call us all. Grant that we may be attentive to your loving kindness. May our prayers, songs, preaching, and hearing be not done in vain. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF PRAISE NO. 198** (black hymnal, refrain, vs. 5 refrain) *Lift High the Cross*

**ALL SING:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

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

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:43-48

#### **MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN NO. 199** (black hymnal)

*Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

## **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.

### **(10:30 AM) WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands*  
by Kaan and Althouse

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

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Moment by Moment*

by Moody

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 428 (Methodist Hymnal, see insert)

*For the Healing of the Nations*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Crucifixus*

by Binkes

\*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 Pastor Jeff's candidacy for the position of associate pastor by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our mother, Elsie Snyder, by Nancy Kinard and Mary Jane Snyder.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten planning team for planning today's service. The team members are: Becky Hester, Tammy Gordon, David Bradnick, Diane Strine, and Pastor Jeff.

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: Don and Diane Strine; Barry and Nancy Schwartz

8 AM Sound Tech: Ivy Leach

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Pat and Dennis Cooper; Coordinated by Diane Strine

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Mason DeMers

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup>Modified from Karl Barth, "The Beginning of Wisdom (1958)," *Deliverance to the Captives*.

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# Shall We Gather at the River

597

Robert Lowry, 1864; alt.

Rev. 22:1-5

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 As we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

## Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Written during a time when an epidemic was claiming many lives in New York, Robert Lowry's hymn raised the question "Shall we meet again?" Lowry was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn from 1861 to 1869, and collaborated on numerous hymn collections with William H. Doane.

Tune: HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7, with refrain  
Robert Lowry, 1864

# Lift High the Cross

198

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

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

Last time, end

## 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

Lamb vic-to-rious, 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.

to Refrain

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 was organist of Westminster Abbey.

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

# Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

(At the Cross)

*Gal. 2:20; 6:14; Phil. 2:2-12; Heb. 12:1-3*

*Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.*

*Refrain by Ralph E. Hudson, 1885; alt.*

1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov-ereign die?  
 2 Was it for crimes that I have done, Christ groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in shad - ows hide, and shut its glo - ries in,  
 4 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would God de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
 When Je - sus Christ my Sav - ior died for hu - man crea - tures' sin.  
 Here, Christ, I give my - self a - way as all that I can do!

*Refrain*

At the cross, at the cross where I first found the light, and the

bur-den of my heart rolled a - way, It was there by faith all my  
rolled a-way,

fears took flight, and now I am hap - py all the day.

*After discharge from the Union army, Ralph Hudson taught music at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio, where he founded a publishing company. He wrote the music for this Isaac Watts text and added a familiar camp-meeting chorus as a refrain*

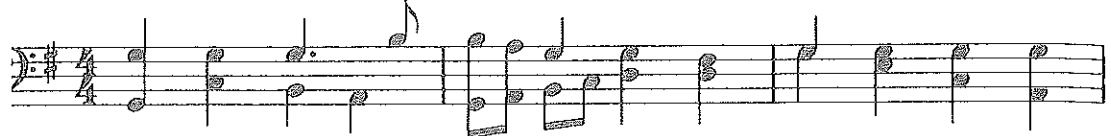
Tune: HUDSON C.M. with refrain  
Ralph E. Hudson, 1885  
Alternate setting: MARTYRDOM



# 28 For the Healing of the Nations



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on



one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of



earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its



rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

