

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

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7th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

## **Set Free to Transform the World**

*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**

*Awake Thou Wintry Earth*

by Birchwood

## **CENTERING SCRIPTURE & CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Galatians 5: 1, 16-18*

*"Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a hardness of slavery on you. My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?"*

**L:** Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand!

**ALL:** We will never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on us!

**\*OPENING HYMN** (FWS #2130, vs. 1, 3, & 5, see p. 4)

*The Summons*

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

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**ALL:** Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation we have revealed our selfish-ness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 475 (black hymnal, refrain x 2)      *God's Eye is on the Sparrow*

**ALL SING:** I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me. (2x)

## TIME OF OFFERING

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Restoration Morning*

by Pace

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2026 (FWS, x2)      *Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

**ALL SING:** Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja! (2x)

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

**HYMN NO. 594** (black hymnal)

*How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies*

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

## 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Dani Kardisco) *Make My Life an Alleluia* by Schram

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*Jeremiah 17: 5-10*

**\*HYMN NO. 313** (black hymnal)

*Like a Tree Beside the Waters*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Canticle of the Sun*

by Haugen

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# The Summons

2130



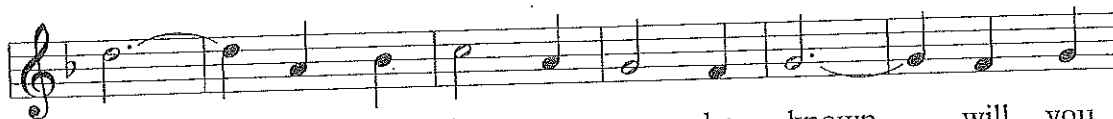
1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? \_\_\_ Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? \_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? \_\_\_ Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? \_\_\_ Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. \_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. \_\_\_ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, \_\_\_ will you let my name be known, \_\_\_ will you  
 stare \_\_\_ should your life at - tract or scare? \_\_\_ Will you  
 clean, \_\_\_ and do such as this un - seen, \_\_\_ and ad -  
 found \_\_\_ to re - shape the world a - round, \_\_\_ through my  
 go \_\_\_ where your love and foot - steps show. \_\_\_ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. \_\_\_

WORDS: John Bell  
 \*Tune: Traditional Scottish

KELVINGROVE  
 13 13771

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# 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!

Both vases of altar flowers are presented by Jim Shiffer in honor of the men and women who gave their lives in service to their country. As we spend time with our families this Memorial Day, may we remember the sacrifices they made in order to preserve and protect our freedom.

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13*

The bulletins are presented in honor of all who helped with the church clean-up.

Thank you to the May worship planning team for planning today's service. The team members are: Dani Kardisco, Sandy King, Jim Beyer, Robin Schriver, Lisa DeMers, and Pastor Dani.

Thank you to Dani Kardisco for providing special music at the 10:30 AM service.

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: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Lynnwood Schleeter, Barbara Krier; Tom and Carol Bair

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin and Emily Schriver; Jill and Emily Miller

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

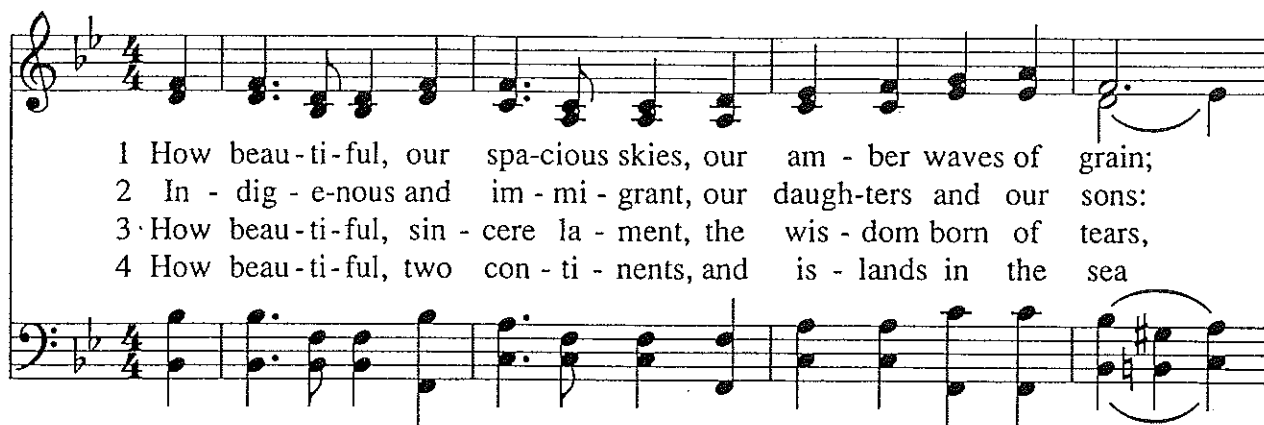
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup><http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4089/worship-connection-august-21-2016>

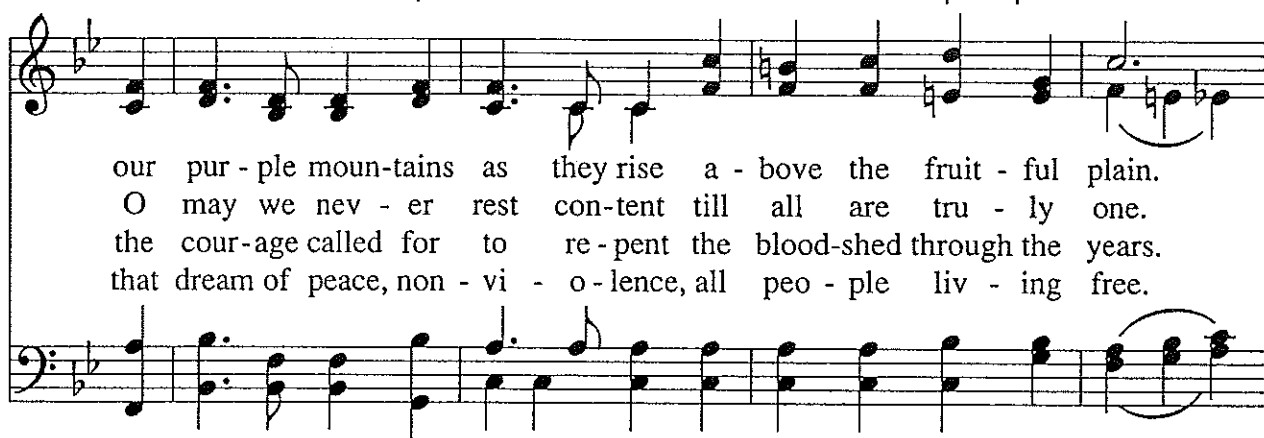
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## How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

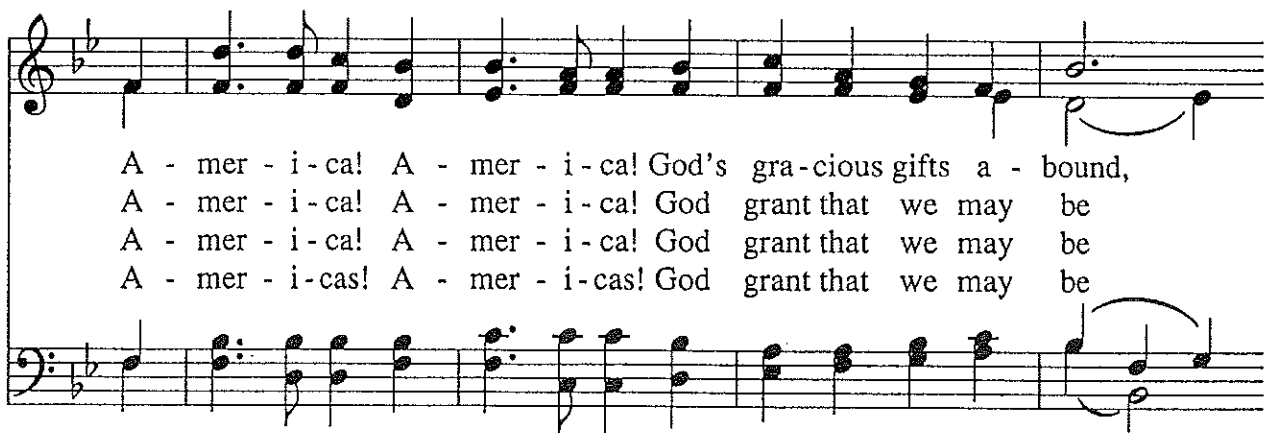
St. 1, Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; alt.  
St. 2, 3, 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



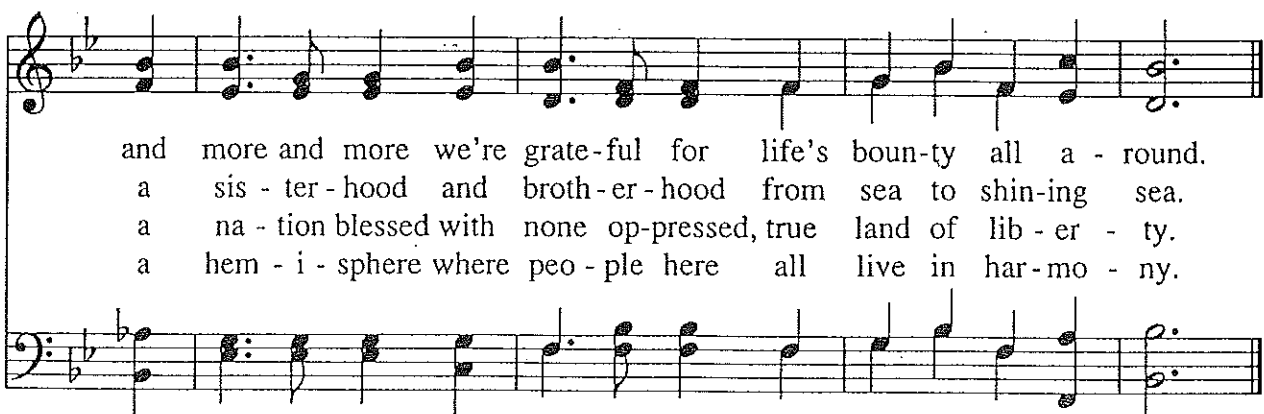
1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;  
2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:  
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,  
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea



our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.  
O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.  
the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.  
that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be  
A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be



and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.  
a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.  
a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.  
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

## Like a Tree beside the Waters

Jer. 17:7-8

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James F. D. Martin, 1992



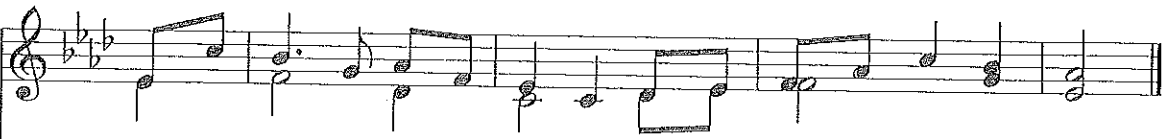
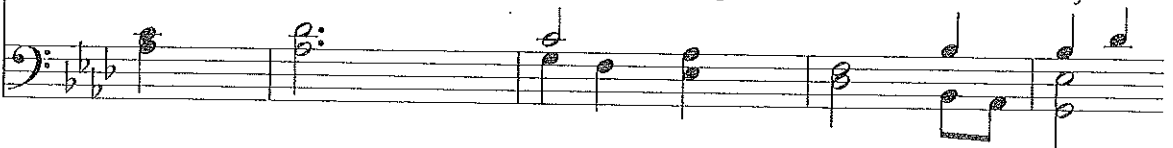
1 Like a tree be-side the wa-ters, nur-tured by your lov - ing care,  
 2 Like a tree be-side the riv - er, draw-ing life from ho - ly streams,  
 3 We, be - side the liv-ing wa-ters, drink from your e - ter - nal life.



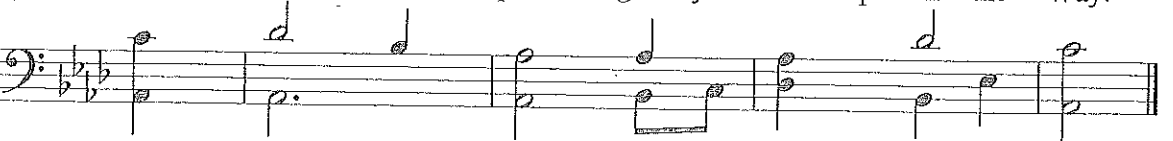
We, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, your en - during wit - ness bear.  
 Fill us with your love for - ev - er; re - cre - ate our hopes and dreams.  
 Give to all, your sons and daugh-ters, faith that ris - es o - ver strife.



In each pass - ing gen - er - a - tion may your voice of love be heard.  
 Through the storms of life sus - tain us by the wis - dom of your grace.  
 O Liv - ing God, most glo - rious, strength - en us for life to - day.



Bless, we pray, this con - gre - ga - tion with your ho - ly, liv - ing Word.  
 May the chang - ing of the sea - sons find us in your warm em - brace.  
 By the hope of time - less prom - ise guide your church up - on the Way.



James Martin wrote this text at the invitation of Campbellsport (Wisconsin) United Church of Christ for the celebration of its 125th anniversary year in 1993. Ordained to the United Church of Christ in 1980. Martin has served as pastor to churches in WI.

Tune: SILVER CREEK 8.7.8.7.D.

Roy Hopp, 1989

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL