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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 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

We Have Been Told

by Haas

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

People: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

Leader: We come with hope to this witness to God's power!

People: Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

Leader: We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

People: We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness, and serve.

Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy. You ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. Sometimes we struggle with this. We struggle to love the stranger in our midst in the same way that you loved us. We struggle to love our neighbors in the same way that you loved us. Sometimes, we even struggle to love those who are closest to us in the way that you have loved us. Forgive us, O God, and teach us your love again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 42 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ALL SING: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given by all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

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

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *This Is My Commandment* by Schackley

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

John 15: 9-17

HYMN NO. 498 (black hymnal)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

JOYS & 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.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Love Is Always There

by Combs

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 524 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

This Little Light of Mine

ALL SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION³

At this service, communion will be served by Intinction. All who are able are welcome to process down the center aisle to receive communion. You may take a piece of bread and then proceed to the juice. You can dip the bread in the cup, or you may take an individual cup. For those who need to remain seated, please indicate to a welcome team member or the pastor and communion will be brought to your seat. Thank you!

*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. 76 (black hymnal)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Let Your Light So Shine

by Birchwood

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my son, Brendan on his 34th birthday from Bob Katherman.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of everyone's mothers, especially Hazel Krier, from Barbara Krier and Lynwood Schleeter.

The bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Sandy King.

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: Tim Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Danika & Drew Dallam; Kathy & Bob Ensminger

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Joe Vacante, Bonnie Murphy, Emerson Grimes, Lana Fritz, & Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Wendy Kindig

WOW Kids: Kristen Mekulsia & Alan Neff

¹The call to worship was written by Nancy C. Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. It was posted on the "Ministry Matters" website at

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2749/worship-connection-may-6-2018>

²The prayer of confession was posted on the "Ministry Matters" website at

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/5925/worship-elements-may-6-2018>. It was originally published from *The Abingdon Worship Annual* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu.

³The communion liturgy was written by Jeanyne Slettom, and posted online at

<http://oldsite.processandfaith.org/resources/liturgy/brief-communion-service>.

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I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1757

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 I sing the praise of Love al - might - y, which shines re - vealed in
 2 How lov - ing - kind you are, how gen - tle, how your heart reach - es
 3 Se - cure my heart and all my be - ing, in you, my Sav - ior,
 4 May my heart bear the deep im - pres - sion of love that Je - sus

Je - sus' face. I of - fer up all that de - lights me,
 af - ter mine! My heart re - sponds in el - e - men - tal
 cru - ci - fied. You gave your life to work my heal - ing,
 shares with me, My life be - come a pure ex - pres - sion

all mean de - sires, each fond em - brace, Turn from my - self, in
 sym - pa - thy, beat - ing per - fect time. This mu - tual love, this
 bleed - ing for me, you groaned and died. Be - lov - ed Je - sus,
 of all that Chris - tian love can be: Each word, each act, a

pure de - vo - tion, and ea - ger plunge in love's vast o - cean.
 strong at - trac - tion, I know no oth - er sat - is - fac - tion.
 my sal - va - tion, you have, through love, re - stored cre - a - tion.
 bright re - flec - tion of joy in Love's own res - ur - rec - tion.

Gerhard Tersteegen was an eighteenth-century hymnwriter and mystic, nurtured in the German Reformed Church. The four stanzas that comprise "Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe" were drawn from a longer poem and became popular in this form

Tune: ST. PETERSBURG 9.8.9.8.9.9.
 Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain
Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneel at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

This African folk melody was presented to the Church at Chereponi, Northern Ghana, by Ghanaian musicologist, A. A. Mensah, when United Church of Christ missionaries, Al and Sue Krass were serving there. Like Tom Colvin, a Scottish missionary in neighboring Tamale, Al Krass was encouraging the making of hymns to indigenous melodies. Tom Colvin wrote these words to this adapted form of the melody in dedication to the Church at Chereponi.

Tune: CHEREPONI Irr. with refrain
 Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969
 Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

Descant




2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the


Unison




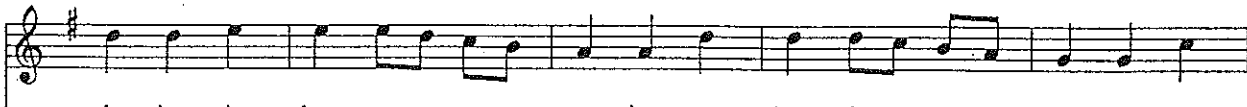
1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the


tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er




peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of



end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of



Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in *People's Mass Book*, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody
Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972
Descant, *The New Century Hymnal*, 1993

(CONTINUED)

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.