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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**World Communion Sunday**

*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 Am the Bread of Life*

by Toolan

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

**P: We are created for community!**

L: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

**P: We are created for community!**

L: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

**P: We are created for community!**

L: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

**P: We are created for community!**

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

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

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRESENTATION OF THE BREADS**

L: The breads coming forward are symbols of many different peoples within the family of God. Today, on World Communion Sunday... First, we present the challah bread. In the midst of global religious conflict, fear, and systemic injustice, let us always remember to celebrate our call and intertwined destinies.

**P: Lord, we are one in community and faith.**

L: The leader of God's love comes without any cost to us... May we move towards a world where these things are no longer a reality.

**P: Lord, we are one in community and faith.**

L: We offer this pita bread in honor of the people of the Middle East. In an area of the world rife with conflict, war, and catastrophic events—let us remember that we are one body in Christ.

**P: Lord, we are one in community and faith.**

L: We offer this Chapati bread, eaten in some Eastern African countries... As we are sometimes faced with difficult decisions, let us remember the gift of communal serenity.

**P: Lord, we are one in community and faith.**

L: We offer this rainbow bread in honor of children all over the world. May we remember that they too suffer through these times of violence, war, and oppression and will inherit its lasting effects.

**P: Lord, we are one in community and faith.**

L: With these symbols of our unity in Christ, let us join together in the liturgy for communion.

**INVITATION**

L: The Spirit of God be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts;

**P: We lift them up to God.**

L: Give thanks to our God!

**P: All our thanks, all our praise!**

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

## COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you...With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you saying,

**P: Holy, holy, holy God, power of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna through the ages! Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

## REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

L: Let us remember together the vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at the table:

**P: he shared food with followers and friends,**

L: with saints and sinners,

**P: with crowds of thousands on the hillside,**

L: and a few friends in an upper room.

**P: On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.**

L: He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

**P: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."**

L: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

**P: "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."**

L: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

**P: In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.**

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

L: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

**P: Bless this bread, we pray.**

L: May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people around the world.

**P: Bless this cup, we pray.**

Leader: Holy God, may this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world, united in the One Body of Christ.

**P: Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

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

## 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.

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*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 (all cups contain grape juice). You can dip the bread in the cup, or you may take an individual cup. There is a small cup in each bread basket that contains gluten free wafers. Please feel free to take one if you need it. 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. After receiving the elements, please move to the side of the sanctuary where you will find a bowl with pins and a map on an easel. Please take one of those pins and stick it on the map, indicating the location of your ancestry. Thank you!*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**L:** Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

**P:** here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.

**L:** Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**P:** here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

**L:** Though daily we touch our limits,

**P:** here we have received the fullness of your grace.

**L:** Send us forth, O God,

**P:** in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## HYMN NO. 335

*Come, Gather in This Special Place*

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

SCRIPTURE

*Job 23: 1-9, 16-17*

MESSAGE

(8 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Denny Daugherty)

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

*Feast of Grace*

by Schram

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Sacrament*

by Pace

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

*Doxology*

**ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 347** (black hymnal)

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Allegro*

by Purcell

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

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 Pastor Jeff as we welcome him back from parental leave by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our daughter, Missy Neal, by Nancy & Dan Kinard.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary by Al & Ann Lewis.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Pierino Bevivino (Perry's father) by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to Denny Daugherty for providing special music at the 8 AM service today. 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 & Communion Servers: Terry Barnes, Steph Beyer, Cora Beyer, & Tim Snyder

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Anne Henry, Lana Fritz, Tori Everhart, Barb Stebbins, & Bonnie Murphy

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Marco & Elaina Angelone

WOW Kids: Alan Neff

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St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860  
St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

1 Deer He-soos zis guh see-reh,  
eem soorp keer-kus ice guh-seh,  
Inch koo-tov ink un-toon-etz  
po-ker dug-hak, yev orh-netz.

Vo, guh see-reh ziss!  
Vo, guh see-reh ziss!  
Vo, guh see-reh ziss!  
Soorp Kirk-uh ice guh-seh.

(Armenian transliteration Vartan Hartunian)

1 Lo'u A-lii ua faa-fe-tai  
I lou sa-ga a-lo-fa-mai,  
Ua i-lo-a-ti-no ai  
I lou tau-si pe-a mai.

O lou a-lo-fa!  
O lou a-lo-fa!  
O lou a-lo-fa!  
E si-li la-va lea.

(Samoan transl. anon.)

Anna B. Warner collaborated with her sister, Susan, on several novels. In one, *Say and Seal*, this hymn was sung to comfort a sick child. Two new stanzas have been provided by Canadian David R. McGuire, an Anglican priest.

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7. with refrain  
William B. Bradbury, 1862

HOLY COMMUNION

tell - ing: Christ e - ter - nal in me dwell - ing.  
 heav - en, for our good through Je - sus giv - en.  
 give me as your own in heaven re - ceive me.

Come, Gather in This Special Place

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Phil Porter, 1991

Unison Em D Em

1 & 4 Come, gath - er in this spe - cial place; the ta - ble here is  
 2 The grapes have yield - ed es - sence pure, a drink to quench the  
 3 The bread is fresh - ly baked to - day, a fra - grant feast of

CM7 D G Bm D Am Em

long and wide; For all who heed com - mu - nion's call, there's  
 grav - est thirst; The cup is passed from hand to hand, and  
 grain sup - plied; And e - ven crumbs that dust our palms will

C D Em

room for thou - sands side by side.  
 each will sense de - spair re - versed.  
 leave souls ful - ly sat - is - fied.



## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain  
 Jamaican folk song  
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975