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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Be the Church: Embrace Diversity

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 *They'll Know We Are Christians with Blest Be the Tie* arr. Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ & OPENING HYMN²

L: What would God have us do?

P: What gifts do we have that can serve God?

L: Lord, guide our lives and our service.

P: Lord, call us to ministries of hope and promise.

ALL SING ("We Are Called", #2172 FWS, verse 1, see p. 6): Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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

L: Help us, O Lord, to look beyond words.

P: Help us, O Lord, to see ways of service.

L: Open our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your guidance.

P: Help us to be those people who will bring good news to those in darkness and doubt.

ALL SING (“We Are Called”, #2172 FWS, verse 2, see p. 6): Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

L: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving for diverse gifts of ministry.

P: Let us praise God with joyful hearts for the many opportunities to serve. Let us praise God for the diverse people and gifts that bring out His kingdom.

ALL SING (“We Are Called”, FWS #2172, verse 3, see p. 6): Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot, and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs on what we see as rules and restrictions, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations. Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. O God of liberation and justice, help us to be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 2)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. We will
follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy
are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of
the world.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR** *In His Time* by Ball
My Jesus I Love Thee by Featherston

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

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a*
MESSAGE *Be the Church: Embrace Diversity*

HYMN NO. 163 (black hymnal) *Many Are the Lightbeams*

JOYS & CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All Are Welcome* by Haugen

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Be the Church*

ALL SING: The Spirit invites us to travel new roads into the
community, sharing life's loads. We reach out with love helping
neighbors in need. God says **BE THE CHURCH** in both word and in
deed.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

LITANY & INVITATION^s

L: We are God's work of art—each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous
melody, a potter's delight.

P: We are God's handiwork—woven together in love, shaped with
infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

L: We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities, but united
in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to
love our neighbor as ourselves.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: We are the Body of Christ—living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.

L: We come together at this table to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are, and what our lives are about.

P: We come together at this table to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.

L: Here at Mt. Zion, we practice an open communion table. All who wish to know Christ better are welcome to join us in the sacrament of Holy Communion; and so, come not because you must, but because you may. Come, just as you are. Come, if you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, if you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, in your brokenness, to be made whole. There is room for all at this table.

P: We open ourselves to Christ's invitation. We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

COMMUNION PRAYER

REMEMBERING THE STORY

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE JUICE

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS *(All cups contain grape juice)*

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. Gluten free wafers are also available. Please feel free to ask for 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. Thank you!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁶

ALL: At this table, O Lord, we have been reminded of who you are and who you call us to be. Filled with your grace, we will go to share hope with those in despair and befriend the lonely and afraid.

Knowing Christ's example, we will offer justice to those forgotten by the world and embrace those filled with loss and grief. Empowered by the Spirit, we will bring peace into the brokenness around us, walking in faith beside your people. Thank you for the opportunity to receive this meal and take up this call. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 391** (black hymnal, vs. 1, 3, & 4)

In the Midst of New Dimensions

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major

by Handel

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to
to be hope for the hope - less so all
and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

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NOTES

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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 my wife, Sue, for our 45th anniversary, by Jim Shiffer.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Sydney's 18th birthday & Kerington's 9th birthday by Scott, Jen, & Evan Cooper.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Terry Graham's birthday by Jane & Jodi Graham.

Thank you to the Children's Bell Choir and 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: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Becky & Jerry Hester; Danika & Drew Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Carol Bair

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carol Hartman, Anne Henry, Lisa & George DeMers, & Bonnie Murphy

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3522/worship-connection-january-27-2019>

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³http://www.ucc.org/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday_worship-resources#calls

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⁵adapted from "God's Work of Art," written by the Rev. David Inglis, pastor of Henrietta (NY) United Church of Christ. Posted in *Worship Resources for Human Relations Day*, 2011, on the **Sharing God's Gifts** website of the United Methodist Church. <http://www.umcgiving.org/> and also <https://thesimplepastor.co.uk/series/communion/>

⁶Adapted by Pastor Danielle using words from <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/search?q=communion>
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Many Are the Lightbeams

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Cyprian of Carthage, "De unitate ecclesiae," 252 C.E.

John 8:12; 9:5; 15:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Gal. 3:28

Swedish paraphr. by Anders Frostenson (b. 1906)

Transl. David Lewis, 1983

Unison

Em Em7 Am B7 Em Am

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one
 2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one
 3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the
 4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant
 5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; mem - bers

Dsus4 D7 G Am7 D7

light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams
 tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es
 gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,
 spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the
 all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

GM7 C7 Em B7 Em

from the one light; we are one in Christ.
 of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
 love is all one; we are one in Christ.
 Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
 bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

The text upon which this hymn is based is by a bishop of the early church, Cyprian of Carthage. It was paraphrased from his 252 C.E. work, "De unitate ecclesiae" (Of church unity). He was martyred in Carthage c. 258.

Tune: LIGHTBEAMS Irr.
 Olle Widéstrand (b. 1906)
 Arr. Darryl Nixon, 1987

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung,
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain

Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea - gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994