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Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Why Jesus? The Company You Keep

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 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

Ubi Caritas

arr. Tate

"Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what this means: I want mercy and not sacrifice. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

~ Jesus (Matthew 9:12-13)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: This is a season of digging deep. This is a season to ask ourselves hard questions, and wait patiently for what God will reveal.

P: This is a season of digging deep. Let us not be afraid to seek understanding.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: This is a season of challenge. This is a season to look deeply for who Christ is, and in truly seeing Him, discover who we are called to be.

P: This is a season of challenge. Let us have the courage to live into the answers.

L: This is a season for trusting. This is a season to trust in God's capacity to love us as we are and to save us as we are.

P: This is a season for trusting. Let us have confidence in God's redemptive love.

L: We are reminded in scripture who Jesus seeks out. Today, we ask ourselves, "Who does Jesus choose?" Today, we ask ourselves, "Who do we choose?"

P: Let us join together, in seeking the truth about God and about ourselves, no matter where it leads.

HYMN NO. 492 (black hymnal)

I Would Be True

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. We refuse to love the unlovable, and we refuse to acknowledge when we ourselves are unlovable. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2113 (FWS, v. 3, see p. 5)

Lamb of God

ALL SING: I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood - my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM** *We Are the Hands of Christ* by Parker/Raney

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** *Glorify Thy Name* by Adkins
We Love by Price

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

(10:30 AM) **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Hayden Marie McCarthy
Macey Ella McCarthy
Parents: Corey & Katehyn McCarthy

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 325** (black hymnal) *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *He Knows My Name* by Walker

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2203 (FWS) *In His Time*

ALL SING: In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time.

In your time, in your time, you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN NO. 207** (black hymnal) *Just As I Am*

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

The Company You Keep

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL SING: *Our Darkness*

Our Darkness

Musical score for the hymn "Our Darkness". The score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "Our darkest is never darkness in your sight: the deep - est night is clear as the day - light." The score consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the first four measures, and the second line contains the remaining four measures. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo marking is quarter note = 80.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER, & SENDING FORTH

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.

ALL SING: *Our Darkness* (see above)

Time of Silence

POSTLUDE

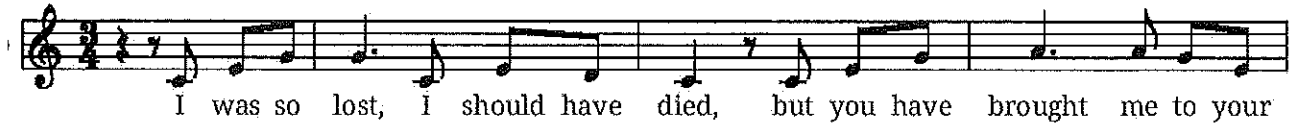
I Have Decided

arr. Prim

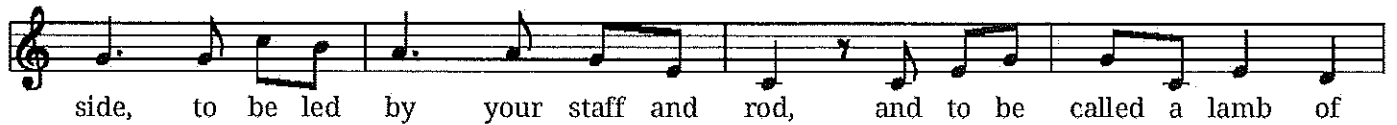
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Lamb of God

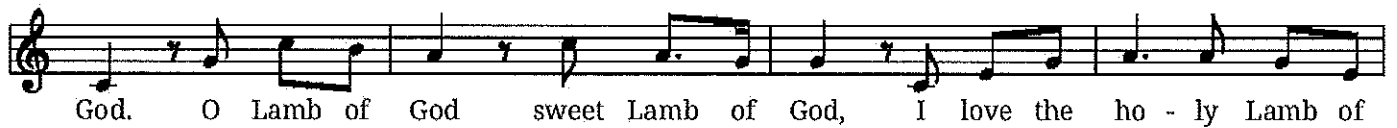
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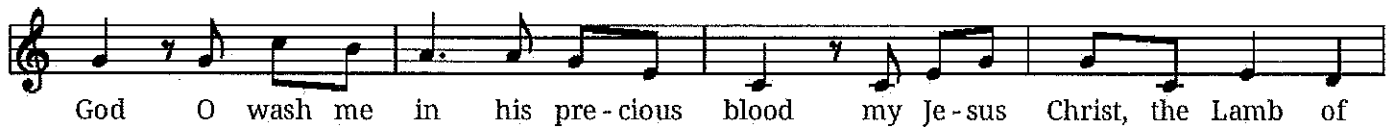
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*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Nanny Kinard's birthday by Ryan, Brady, & Justin Neal.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jesse Smith for all the time he volunteers to the church by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Andrew Kline's birthday, with love, Grandma and Auntie Anne Henry.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8 AM service today and thank you to the Children's Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Dani Kardisco, JJ Rhinehart, Tori Everhart, Suzanne Skennonto, & Pastor Danielle.

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: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Holt, & Hayden Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Rhinehart family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Danielle Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher

WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

¹The Call to Worship was written by the Rev. Danielle Neff for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ.

²adapted from the prayer of confession found at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3056/worship-elements-september-9-2018>.

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Phil. 4:8-9

St. 1, 2, Howard Arnold Walter, 1917

St. 3, anon.; alt.

1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be
 2 I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less; I would be
 3 I would be prayer-ful through each bus-y mo-ment; I would be

pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for
 giv-ing, and for-get the gift; I would be hum-ble,
 con-stant-ly in touch with God; I would be tuned to

there is much to suf-fer; I would be brave, for
 for I know my weak-ness; I would look up, and
 sense God's slight-est whis-per; I would have faith to

there is much to dare, I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
 laugh, and love, and live, I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.
 keep the path Christ trod, I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

The first two stanzas of this hymn are from "My Creed," a poem that Howard Walter sent to his mother from Japan, where he taught English before becoming a Congregational minister. Walter died at the age of thirty-five while working for the Y M C A in India

Tune: PEEK 11.10.11.10.10.
 Joseph Y. Peck, 1911

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.



Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Just as I Am

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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and

vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849