

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

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Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

## **Youth Sunday**

*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 basket at the end of the pews. 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**

*Joey Bevivino & Holt Dallam*

**PRELUDE** (played by Katrina Rhinehart) *Come Thou Font* by Wyeth, arr. Cook

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Bronson Gordon*

One: God created our skin tones with beautiful variety.

**ALL: If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies.**

One: God gave us freedom, with imagination.

**ALL: If only we imagined ways to be kinder.**

One: God created land for us to share.

**ALL: If only we would share it with others.**

One: God gave us free will.

**ALL: If only we didn't hate others for being different from us.**

One: Young and old, here and far, we are people of God. The Ever Knowing Father looks down upon us.

**ALL: We are God's beloved!**

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

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 546 (black hymnal)

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

\*TIME OF CONFESSION

*Joey Bevivino*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Almighty God, hear the prayers of your thirsty people. For the times we have taken credit for miracles that could only be done by you,

**ALL: Forgive us, we pray.**

One: For every time we promised to trust you but then did things our own way when your response wasn't fast enough, or when your response wasn't what we expected,

**ALL: Grant us mercy, O God.**

One: For the times we've had opportunities to extend forgiveness and compassion, but refused,

**ALL: Show us what it means to love.**

One: For the times that we trust our own understandings of things over your wisdom, for the times we resist your command to be one with all of your children – even those who believe differently from us,

**ALL: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.**

One: For our silent sins – when we don't speak up for what is right, or when we turn away while others are being hurt,

**ALL: Forgive us, Loving God, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Because God loves us so much we have peace, and God's grace for us is overflowing. Through Jesus we see God's love, and how it extends to all people. Because of that we ask Jesus to give us the living water that soothes the dryness of our souls – and we are redeemed.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 563 (black hymnal, v. 3)

*We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

**ALL SING: God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating. That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

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

*Emily Merritt, Rachel Mulligan, & Ellery Wagaman*

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SCRIPTURE

*John 4: 6b-14*

*Ellery Wagaman*

MESSAGE

*Cora Beyer*

SKIT

*Joey Bevivino, Layla Beyer, Emerson Grimes, Bronson Gordon, & Katrina Rhinehart*

SCRIPTURE

*John 4: 27-30, 39-42*

*Emily Merritt*

MESSAGE

*Sydney Cooper*

PRAISE BAND ANTHEM

*The Well* by Mark Hall & Matthew West  
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Megan Merritt*

**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.

MIDDLE HYMN NO. 383 (black hymnal)

*Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls*

OFFERTORY

*Hayden & Holt Dallam*

CALL TO OFFERING

*Hayden Dallam*

OFFERTORY

*Slide Show*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 575 (black hymnal, v. 2)

*O For a World*

**ALL SING:** O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Holt Dallam*

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 617 (black hymnal)

*Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs*

\*BENEDICTION

*Joey Bevivino*

\*POSTLUDE (words displayed on screens)

*Send Me Out* by Steve Fee  
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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all the youth participating in the service today by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, great aunts, and sisters. Happy Mother's Day from Barbara Krier and Lyn Schleeter!

Thank you to the Praise Band for participating in both services today!

Thank you to all of the youth, volunteers, and parents who have worked together to make this special service possible. Our youth have worked hard at youth group, since February, in order to prepare a worship service that focuses on tearing down walls. We hope that our worship today will be meaningful to you and to your life of faith. We would like to especially thank Jen Cooper for dedicating so much time and energy to helping with this worship service. Without her help and creative guidance this day would not be possible. Finally, thank you to the congregation of Mount Zion for providing an environment where our youth feel empowered to be themselves and to express their faith honestly. Your support and nurture are vital for the spiritual formation of our youth.

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: Mt. Zion Youth

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Mt. Zion Youth

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

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<sup>2</sup>*Send Me Out*. Steve Fee. © Sixstep Songs. CCLI Song # 5621778. CCLI License # 3220582.

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to your bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; in your hands, my des - ti - ny;  
 3 Plen-teous grace in you is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;  
 Leave, O leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
 All my trust on you is stayed, all my help from you I bring;  
 Fount of life, your love im - part, fill my cup a - bun - dant - ly;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of your wing.  
 Spring up now with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn soon after his 1738 conversion and titled it "In Temptation." Once considered so intimate that it was omitted from many eighteenth-century hymnals, it is presently found in many languages in collections around the world.

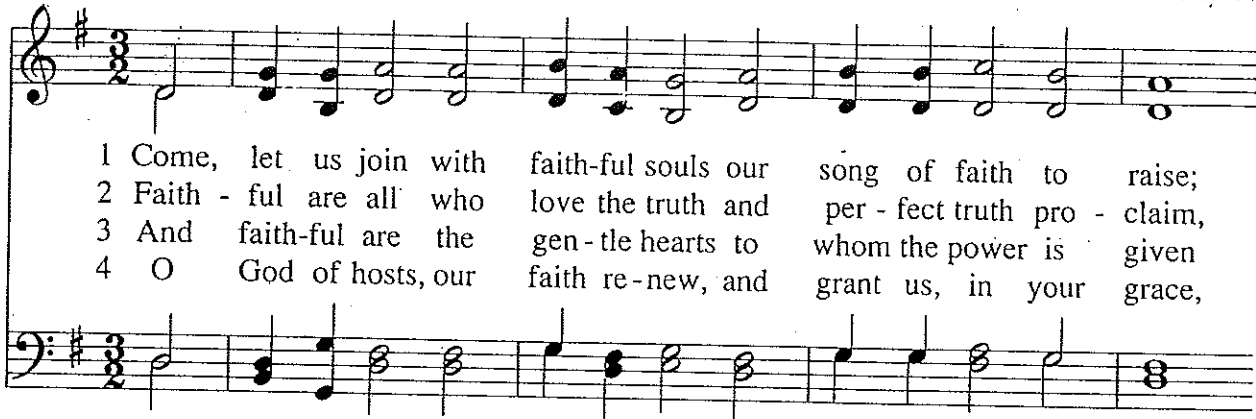
Tune: MARTYN 7.7.7.D.  
 Simeon B. Marsh, 1834  
 Alternate tune: ABERYSTWYTH

# Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

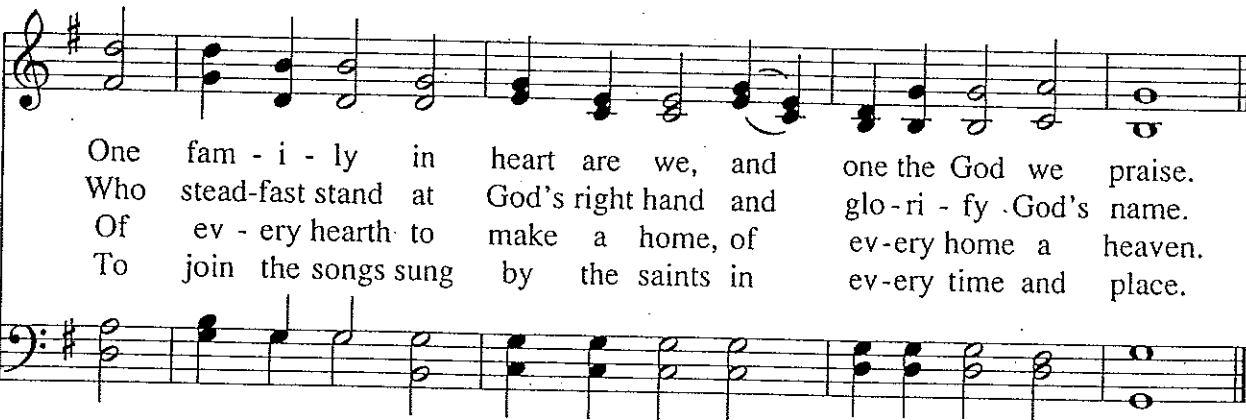
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*William G. Tarrant, 1892; alt.*

*Rev. 5:11-14*



1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;  
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,  
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given  
4 O God of hosts, our faith re - new, and grant us, in your grace,



One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.  
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.  
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.  
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

*A leader of the Unitarian Church in England, William Tarrant edited a Unitarian weekly and for thirty-seven years ministered to the Unitarian Christian Church in London. This hymn was one of many he wrote for use by that congregation.*

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Arr. Lowell Mason, in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

# Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

Rev. 5:9-14

Hymns and Spiritual Songs,  
ed. James O'Kelly, 1816; alt.

1 U - nite and join your cheer - ful songs, with  
 2 This is the way the church should strive, in  
 3 Wor - thy the Lamb, the an - gels say, to  
 4 As - sist us, all a - bove the sky, on

an - gels 'round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
 har - mo - ny be - low; As mem - bers of one  
 be ex - alt - ed thus; A - men, a - men the  
 earth, and on the seas; U - nite and raise God's

are their tongues, yet all their joys are one.  
 bod - y live, one Sov - ereign shall you know.  
 saints re - ply, the Lamb was slain for us.  
 hon - or high, in hymns of end - less praise.

*This hymn appears in Hymns and Spiritual Songs, a collection of hymn texts (without tunes), published in 1816 in Raleigh, North Carolina. It may have been written by the book's editor, James O'Kelly, an itinerant preacher who broke away from the Methodist Church because of its hierarchical government. O'Kelly founded the Christian Church in the southern United States in 1794. In 1931, the Christian Church merged with the*

Tune: AMAZING GRACE (NEW BRITAIN) C.M.  
 from Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829  
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900  
 Alternate tune: LAND OF REST