

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## ***I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift***

*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.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Confirmation Class Video Prelude*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Leader: God sends light to us this day and invites us to meet one another in this light.

**People: Light breaks forth like the dawn, drawing us into relationship with one another.**

Leader: Humble yourselves for the worship of God, that you may be empowered to serve.

**People: God calls us to trust with steady hearts and to serve with righteous compassion.**

Leader: Seek not for lofty words of wisdom, but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.

**People: God makes us to be the salt of the earth and lights to show God's works to the world.**

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

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Leader: O God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

**People: Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.**

Leader: Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship, and our clouded sense of purpose.

**People: Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.**

Leader: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

**People: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, O God, touch us now with your Spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 759 (black hymnal)

*Gloria Patri*

**ALL SING: Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(10:30 AM) **YOUTH CHOIR**

*African Psalm*

arr. Johnson

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

**SCRIPTURE**

*Matthew 20:20-28*

**MESSAGE**

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**DEDICATION OF BABY GRAND PIANO<sup>3</sup>**

*Donated by Debbie Butcher & family in memory of Tom & Marjorie Green*

INVITATION

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

Debbie: In loving memory of my parents, Tom and Marjorie Green, and on behalf of the Butcher family, we present this beloved piano to our church family, the congregation of Mt. Zion, to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

**ALL: With gratitude, we accept this piano. We will care for it, and we will use it with love.**

L: In the name of the holy and triune God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

**ALL: we dedicate this piano to the glory of God.**

L: With gratitude and reverence,

**ALL: we dedicate this piano to the glory of God.**

L: For the beauty of this holy place and for the sake of all God's people,

**ALL: we dedicate this piano to the glory of God.**

L: In remembrance of Tom and Marjorie,

**ALL: we dedicate this piano to the glory of God.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL DEDICATION

*Heaven*

arr. Clydesdale

**JOYS AND 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.**

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM**

*We're a Fellowship of Believers*  
by Althouse, Lutkin

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# OFFERTORY

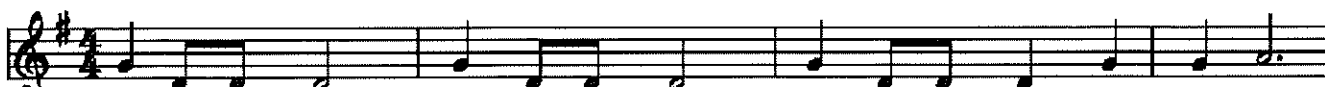
CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY


*"We Are..." Offertory Video*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 558 (refrain, v. 1, refrain)

*We Are the Church*

Piano   
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth - er!

5   
All who fol - low Je - sus, all a - round the world! Yes! We're the church to - geth - er! The

9   
church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple, the

11   
church is not a rest - ing place, the church is its peo - ple, I am the church!

14   
You are the church! We are the church to - geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

18   
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 524** (black hymnal)

*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.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Reflection Question**

1. *How has church membership been a gift to you?*

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go Now In Peace*

**ALL SING:** Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of evr'y day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

**POSTLUDE**

*We Are the Church*

by Walker

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship was originally posted on the *State College Presbyterian Church* website at <http://scpresby.org>. Accessed for this worship service, with permission for use during worship, at the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-epiphany-5a.html>. Accessed November 12, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession is from *Prayers and Readings for Worship*, Volume 2, Peter Judd, ed. (Herald Publishing House, 1996, ISBN 9780830907199). Posted online with permission for use in worship on the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/confession-responding-to-gods-call.html>. Accessed November, 12, 2019

<sup>3</sup>Liturgy based on commissioning liturgy from the United Church of Canada Book of Worship, pg. 587-592.

<sup>4</sup>*We Are the Church*. Text: © 1972., Hope Publishing Company. Reproduced with permission under One License #A-725 030.

<sup>5</sup>*Go Now in Peace*. Music: Price/Besig. Reproduced with permission under One License # A-725030.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Josh Mottin and our memories of birthdays celebrated by John & Connie Wolfe.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the members of the Fall worship team: Elaine Bevivino, Dave Firestone, Tammy Gordon, Matt Grimes, Emily Schriver, & Pastor Jeff by church council.

The bulletins are presented in honor of the members of church council by Elaine Bevivino.

Thank you to the Jubilation for participating in the 8 AM service today and to the Youth Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Fall worship team for planning today's service. The worship team consists of Elaine Bevivino, Dave Firestone, Tammy Gordon, Matt Grimes, Emily Schriver, & Pastor Jeff.

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: Terry & Deb Barnes; Natalie Behrends & Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Heidi & Emily Merritt; Elaine & Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Sarah Shaffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher

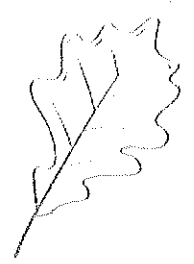
WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

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# Homewood Auxiliary

*"We rise...by lifting others..."*



Please join us, the Homewood Auxiliary at Plumwood Creek. The cost is \$3/person or \$5/couple. There is a sign-up sheet and a dues envelope on a table in the back narthex. Below is a list of benefits the residents receive because of these dues.

- Specialty wheel chairs
- Blue tooth speakers
- Greenhouse improvements
- Smart TVs for 2 dining rooms
- Headphones
- Weighted blankets
- CD Players
- Records for ice cream parlor
- Color printer
- Kitchen supplies
- Digital cameras
- DVD player
- Garden Box



This year, for the Christmas drive for Homewood, they are requesting the following items.

- Unscented body lotion
- Cube-sized Kleenex boxes
- Signed Christmas cards

You may deposit your signed cards, lotions, or Kleenex at the Auxiliary table in the back narthex.



The last date for membership and for the Christmas drive is December 1, 2019. Any questions, please call Paulette Smith at 717-757-3625.

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



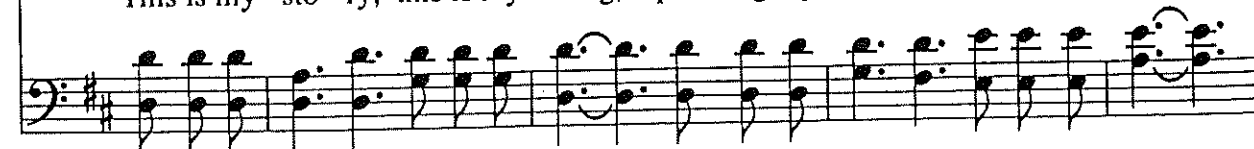
fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



After hearing Phoebe Knapp play this tune on the piano, Fanny Crosby composed the poem on the spot. In her almost 95 years, Crosby wrote more than 8,500 gospel hymns and songs.

Tune: ASSURANCE Irr.  
 Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873



Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a \*cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing  
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from  
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

\*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms."

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain  
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

## This Little Light/This Joy I Have

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. . . . .  
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me. . . . .

I am gon-na let it, let it shine,  
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

Hal-le-lu-jah,  
 Hal-le-lu, the

let it shine, . . . . let it shine, . . . . let it shine, (oh let it shine.)  
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a-way.

"This Little Light" continued:

- 2 Ev-ery-where I go . . .
- 3 All-through the night . . .

"This Joy I Have" continued:

- 2 This love I have . . .
- 3 This hope I have . . .
- 4 This faith I have . . .
- 5 This peace I have . . .

*The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.*

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.  
 African-American spiritual  
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993  
 See also LATTIMER