

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

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## ***The Lord's Prayer: What Would Jesus Do?***

***"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."***

*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 & OPENING PRAYER**

*I Surrender All*

by Weeden

**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.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

**L: What does the Lord require of you?**

**P: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

**L: What does God command of us?**

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

**P:** To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

L: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**P:** But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

L: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**P:** Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 415** (black hymnal)

*God's Actions, Always Good and Just*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love others genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 4)

*Jesus the Light of the World*

**ALL SING:** Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! 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) **INTERGENERATIONAL BELL CHOIR**

*In His Time* by Ball  
*Cares Chorus* by Willard

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

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 17: 20-21*  
*Mark 12: 28-34*

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# MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 410

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER<sup>3</sup>

**ALL:** Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed by your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

(8:00 AM) JUBILATION ANTHEM

*Seek Ye First*

by Lafferty

## OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Moment by Moment*

by Moody

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 181 (black hymnal, v. 2)

*You Are Salt for the Earth O People*

**ALL SING:** You are a light on the hill, **O people:** light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, **O people:** Shine for the City of God! Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace; bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 311 (black hymnal)

*Renew Your Church*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Trio on "Savior of the Nations Come"*

by Fedak

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Barbara Krier's 63rd birthday by Lyn Schleeter.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Kathy Sweeney's 60th birthday on January 30th by the Sweeney family.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service today and to the Intergenerational Bell 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: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: Don & Diane Strine; Charlie Test & Joann Taylor

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: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by David Firestone

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Evan Waltemyer

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Dani Kardisco & Jess Crowell

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney & Kelly Grimm

<sup>1</sup>written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession is adapted from a confession written by **Thom Shuman**, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

<sup>3</sup>from *Human Rites: Worship Resources for an Age of Change*, by Hannah Ward and Jennifer Wild (Mowbray, 1998). <http://www.amazon.ca/Human-Rites-Worship-Resources-Change/dp/0264673344>

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## God's Actions, Always Good and Just

*Samuel Rodigast, 1675; transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1992*

1 God's ac - tions, al - ways good and just, pro - ceed from God's per -  
 2 My gra - cious guide in righ - teous ways, God sets my course of  
 3 The lamp of truth, my God dis - pels the shad - ows that a -  
 4 God's ways are ev - er lov - ing - kind, what - ev - er our de -

fec - tion; So we our world's af - fairs en - trust to god - ly  
 ac - tion; And I may trace life's seem - ing maze as - sured of  
 harm me. A liv - ing shield, my God re - pels the death - beams  
 lu - sion, And if I taste the bit - ter wine, the cup of

just pro - tec - tion. When all I see is mis - e - ry, when  
 sat - is - fac - tion. For, just and fair, God shall re - pair all  
 that would harm me. The truth will win, the light break in, a -  
 my con - fu - sion, Take heart, my soul, for you shall know, sweet

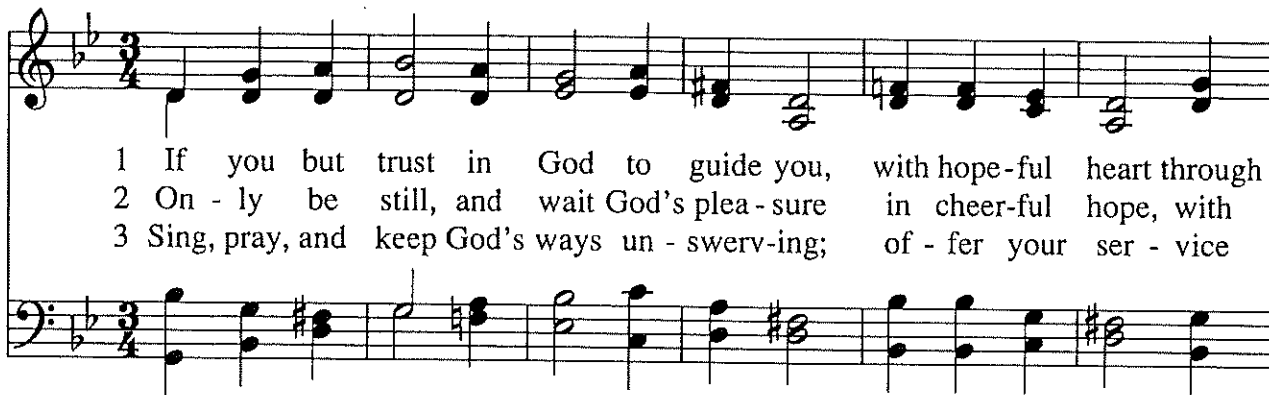
rank op - pres - sion pains me, God's righ - teous - ness sus - tains me.  
 e - vil and dis - tor - tion, and can - cel each mis - for - tune.  
 chiev - ing rev - e - la - tion, com - plet - ing my sal - va - tion.  
 com - fort fol - lows sad - ness. The pain shall end in glad - ness.

*When Severus Gastorius suffered a serious illness in 1675,  
 his friend Samuel Rodigast wrote this hymn to comfort him.*

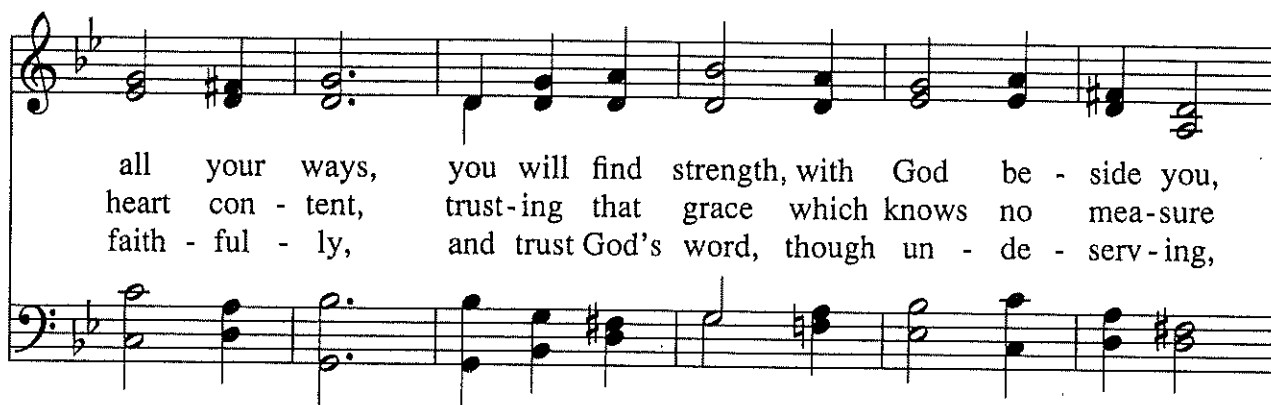
Tune: WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7.8.7  
*Severus Gastorius, c. 1675*

## If You But Trust in God to Guide You

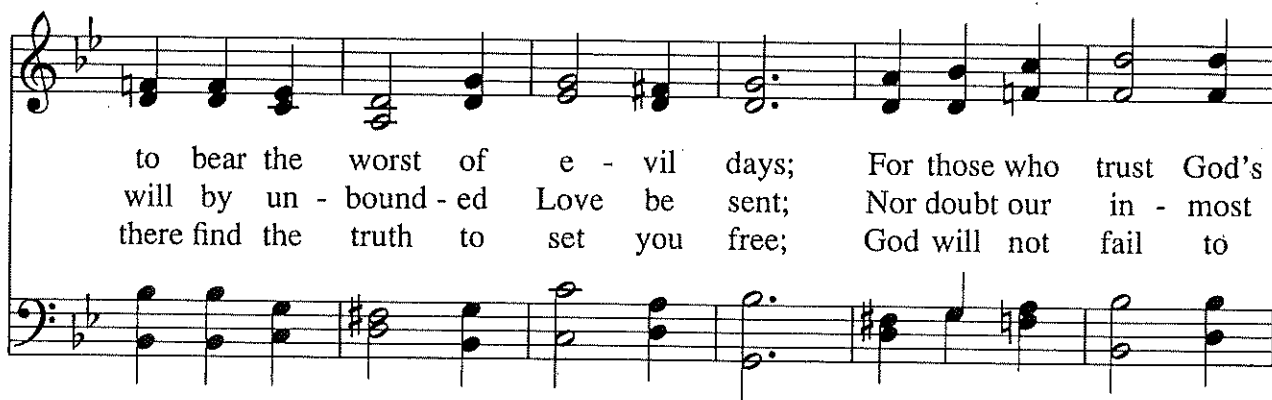
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*Georg Neumark, 1641**Ps. 55:22**Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.*


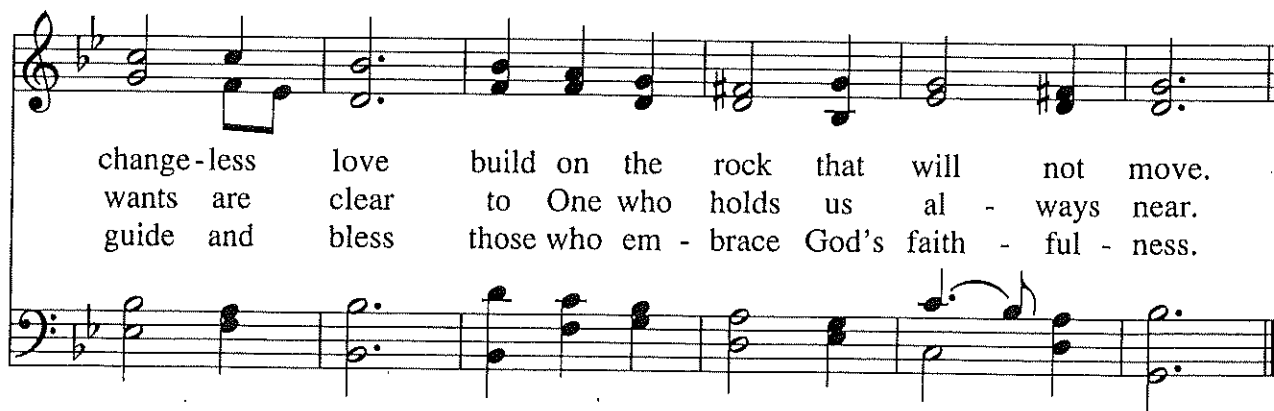
1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with  
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice



all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,  
 heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,



to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's  
 will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most  
 there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to



change-less love build on the rock that will not move.  
 wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.  
 guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

*The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War*

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.  
 Georg Neumark, 1657

*Matt. 5:13-16; Luke 11:1-4; Mark 12:28-34**Kenneth L. Cober, 1960; alt.*

1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve  
 2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine: on our path  
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near: your still voice  
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,  
 let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;  
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;  
 hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

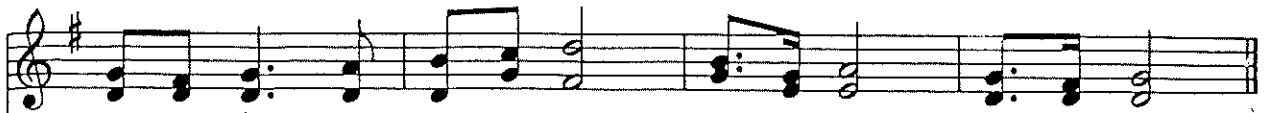
and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows  
 from each page show your face. As you have sent your  
 this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence  
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O  
 Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O  
 keep us still that we may find for us your will And  
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your

*Kenneth L. Cober grew up in Puerto Rico, the son of missionary parents. Cober has served churches in many states and has written several books about church education.*

Tune: ALL IS WELL 10.6.10.6.8.8.8.6.  
 Traditional English melody

THE CHURCH



send us forth with power en-dued. Help us, God, be re-newed.  
let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.  
seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.  
grace we must be mind-ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.

