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First Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The God We Can Know: I Am the Bread of Life

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Am the Bread of Life

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Feed us now, Child of God, as you fed your first disciples. Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us,

People: to outstrip the fears and hostilities that tie the world up in knots.

Leader: Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands,

People: for serving those broken and lost people whom this world deems a waste of time and resources.

Leader: Feed us, so that we may be fulfilled with some of that joy which the universe cannot contain.

People: For your love's sake, feed us. Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 347** (black hymnal)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

John 6: 27-59

HYMN NO. 349 (black hymnal)

I Come With Joy

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God we come to you hoping to be fulfilled. We have not looked for that fulfillment in the miracles that would direct our attention toward you – but rather we have sought that fulfillment in things that won't last. We tell ourselves that our emptiness would be filled if only we could: find the perfect job, live in the right kind of house, have more money saved away, or if we could simply break a few of our bad habits. Jesus told the crowd at Capernaum that they had only followed Him because they had been able to eat their fill – and in doing so they had missed the point. Jesus says, “I Am the Bread of Life” – Jesus asks, “Who do *you* say that I am?”

Time of Silent Reflection

Forgive us, O God, for the times we have pursued the things of this world that will not last. Forgive us for seeking to fill ourselves by our own efforts, rather than seeking the bread of life which you offer to us freely. Forgive us for the harm that we have done by being focused on our own hunger as we ignore the hunger of all of your children.

Nurture us again, O God, with the Bread of Life who is your Son Jesus so that we may truly focus on you and on your kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 346 (black hymnal, v. 2) *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

ALL SING: Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed, and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our lives are fed.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**JOYS & CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *O Living Bread* by Kirby

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *When I Survey* by Watts

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 346 (black hymnal, v. 1)

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

**ALL SING: Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul in
mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose
death our sins are dead.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION²

INVITATION

Leader: Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

People: He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

Leader: We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

People: With him, we will walk the path to life.

Leader: But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

People: With hearts full of thanksgiving we come,

Leader: giving thanks to God, our maker,

People: and offering our praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin
with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home... We too

declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we say,

**People: Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe
speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

REMEMBERING THE STORY

Leader: Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was
tempted and tried.

People: He relied on you for everything.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Leader: He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.

People: He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

Leader: He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.

People: You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend.

Leader: He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

People: Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends.

Leader: On that night he took the bread and after giving thanks to You he broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And in the same way after supper he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

CONSECRATION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new... We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

People: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS (all cups contain grape juice)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion – oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 333** (black hymnal)

O Bread of Life

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Communion on Humbly We Adore Thee

by Barr

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NOTES

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our son Brian's birthday by Dan & Nancy Kinard.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of John Schriver's birthday by Robin, Emily, & Carly Schriver.

Thank you to 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: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion servers: Jodi Graham, Bob Ensminger, Drew & Danika Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion servers: Sandy King, Jason Shiffer, Scott Kiefer, Melissa Shindler, & Suzanne Skennonto

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Brooke Markel & Cassidy Schildt

¹The call to worship was originally written by Bruce Prewer and posted on his home page, <http://www.bruceprewer.com>. It was accessed at the *Re:Worship Blog* at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/07/call-to-worship-prayer-john-6-35.html>. Posted on re-worship with permission for use in worship services. Accessed February 20, 2020.

²Pinder-Ashenden, Eliza, et al. "A Communion Liturgy for Lent." *Sicut Locutus Est*, 27 Nov. 2013, sicutlocutusest.com/2013/02/07/a-communion-liturgy-for-lent/.

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Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round; loaves a - bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTAD L.M. with refrain
 Jamaican folk song
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

Unison



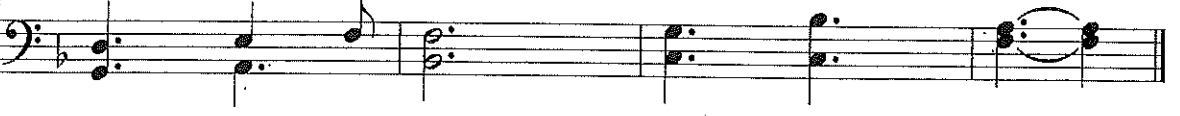
1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.



One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977

O Bread of Life

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Timothy Tingfang Lew, 1934
 Transl. Greer Anne Wenh-In Ng, 1986

John 6:35

1 O Bread of life, for all things break - ing,
 2 We come this day in hum - ble wor - ship - ing;
 3 Stand in our midst, eyes and hearts o - pen - ing;

the bit - ter cup on Cal - vary drain - ing;
 our land is scarred, earth's peo - ple suf - fering;
 your mys - tic self to us re - veal - ing;

Re - deemed by grace, we join in feast - ing,
 O sa - cred face, blood and tears min - gling,
 U - nite us in life ev - er - last - ing,

at your com - mand the past re - mem - bering.
 all hu - man pain you are still bear - ing.
 Im - man - u - el, bless - ing un - end - ing.

One of fifty indigenous hymns to be included in the Protestant Chinese publication Hymns of Universal Praise, this text employs some Buddhist terms and images with which many Chinese people can identify. The tune can be translated as "God's, or holy, grace."

Tune: SHENG EN 9.9.9.9.
 Yin-Lan Su, 1936
 Arr. Darryl Nixon, 1986