

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

Youth Sunday

A New Golden Rule: Treat the Earth as You Want to be Treated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

by Sheppard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hayden Dallam

Leader: God created Heaven and Earth, Land and Sea, Air and Seed

People: And God saw that it was good.

Leader: God brought forth creatures of every kind that swim the waters and roam the land

People: And God saw that it was good.

Leader: God created human kind in his image, male and female

People: God saw that everything he made and it was very good.

Leader: The whole of God's creation is stressed by the heavy impact of human use.

People: God and his creation are crying out in pain.

Leader: We name the earth as one of us and promise to love and protect her.

People: And God saw that it was very good.

OPENING HYMN NO. 558 (see p. 3)

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

TIME OF CONFESSION

Emerson Grimes

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, creator of all that is, help us to be mindful of the earth and all its resources. Help us to remember the love you have for creation, the willingness you have for all creation to be redeemed. Cause us to change our ways of neglect for your earth, and move us to repair the damage we and previous generations of humanity have caused. As we seek reconciliation with you and with the earth, make us true stewards of your creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 575 (see p. 4, v. 5)

O For a World

ALL SING: O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Joey Bevivino, Holt Dallam, & Katrina Rhinehart

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 95: 1-7
Matthew 7: 7-11*

*Maddie Haugh
Emily Merritt*

MESSAGE

Megan Merritt

MIDDLE HYMN NO. 563 (see p. 6)

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joey Bevivino

OFFERTORY

Katrina Rhinehart

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Youth and Children of Mt. Zion – a Slideshow

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 565 (see p. 6, v. 1)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ALL SING: God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door: Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 562 (see p. 7)

Take My Gifts

BENEDICTION

The Youth of Mt. Zion

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. O how glo - rious, full of won - der is your name o'er
 2. When we see your lights of heav - en, moon and stars, your
 3. You have set us in com - mu - nion with the won - ders
 4. O how won - drous, O how glo - rious is your name in

4

all the earth, God, who wrought cre - a - tion's splen - dor,
 power dis - played, Who are we that you should love us,
 of your hand, Made us fly with ea - gle pin - ion,
 ev - ery land, God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us

7

bring - ing suns and stars to birth! Rapt in rev - erence
 crea - tures that your hand has made? Born of earth, yet
 pil - grims o - ver sea and land. Soar - ing spire and
 toward the goal that you have planned! Yours the will our

10

we a - dore you, mar - veling at your mys - tic ways. Hum - bly now we
 full of yearn - ing, mix - ture strange of good and ill, From your ways so
 ru - ined cit - y, these our hopes and fail - ures show. Teach us more of
 hearts are seek - ing, con - scious of our hu - man need. Spir - it in our

14

bow be - fore you, lift - ing up our hearts in praise.
 of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us still.
 hu - man pit - y, that we in your im - age grow.
 spir - it speak - ing, make us yours, O God, in - deed.

O For a World

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace, Where times and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease." The score consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the first five measures, the second line contains measures 4 through 6, and the third line contains measures 7 through 8. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the eighth measure.

5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

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glo - rious reign of peace, Where times and tears will

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be no more, and all but love will cease.

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the
 2. When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and,
 3. God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as

4
 moon, the wold - flowers grow - ing, for we are part of
 wea - ry, wait for morn - ing, when chil - dren have no
 part - ners in cre - a - ting a fu - ture free from

7
 all that is with - in life's riv - er flow - ing. With
 bread but tears, and war - horns sound their warn - ing, God
 want or fear, life's good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That

10
 o - pen hands re - ceive and share the gifts of God's cre -
 calls hu - man - i - ty to wake, to join in com - mon -
 new world beck - ons from a - far, in - vites our shared en -


13
 - a - tion, that all may have a - bun - dant life in
 la - bor, that all may have a - bun - dant life in
 - deav - or, that all may have a - bun - dant life and

16
 ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 peace en - dure for - ev - er.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. God whose giv - ing knows no end - ing from your rich and end - less store,
5 Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door:
9 Gift - ed by you, we turn to you of - fering up our - selves in praise;
13 Thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

Take My Gifts


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



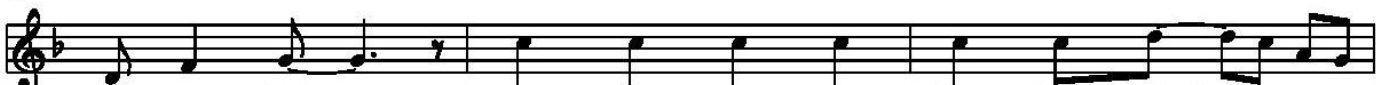
1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of
2. Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your
3. Take what - ev - er I can offer gifts that I have

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all loved me, gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and
Spir - it sowed, har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the
yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the

8



set me free, now be - cause your love has touched me,
wine of God, spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter
hand and mind, things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers

11



I have love to give a - way, now the bread of love is ris - ing,
fla - vor of the Je - sus life, tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture,
in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you,

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loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
God who first of all loved me.