

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

More than Meets the Eye: No Time Like the Present

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

by Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Sometimes the world seems filled with hatred;

P: But we know a love that overcomes.

L: Sometimes tragedy's darkness seems permanent;

P: But we know a light that dispels.

L: Sometimes life seems without meaning;

P: But we know a divine purpose.

L: sometimes sadness overwhelms the heart;

P: But we know a joy that wins the victory.

L: Sometimes sin drags us down toward death;

P: But we know a life that never ends.

L: Let us worship the one who is love,

P: And light,

L: Who authors purposes,

P: Brings joy,

L: And offers eternal life.

P: Let us worship the one and only God.

OPENING HYMN NO. 397 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we are not what you have called us to be. We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time. We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness, but have been quick to take offense. We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in our world and have excused ourselves from risk-taking in our own community. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to live our lives differently. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose call to follow haunts our every prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2141 (FWS, see p. 4)

There's a Song

ALL SING: There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from Jesus. There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from God. Alleluia! Love in my heart is singing praises. Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Danika Dallam)
MESSAGE

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

HYMN NO. 396 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

Where Charity and Love Prevail

JOYS & 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (played by Jackson Kollasch)

What Wondrous Love Is This

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Jesus I Love Thee

by Gordon

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2240 (FWS, v. 1, see p. 5)

One God and Father of Us All

ALL SING: All the gifts that God has given by his grace to everyone were meant to give us each a place to serve. And if we will come together to see his will be done, we will share in blessings more than we deserve. There is one God and Father of us all, above all and through all and in all. In the bond of holy unity with our spirits joined as one, let us live lives worthy of the call of the one God and Father of us all.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 405 (black hymnal, see p. 6)

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let Your Light So Shine

by Birchwood

¹ The call to worship comes from Lectionary Worship Workbook: Series IV, Cycle B by Charles and Donna Cammarata, pg. 184.


² The prayer of confession is written by Maren Tirabassi and was taken from the New Century Hymnal, #836.

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Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. Thank our God for sis - ters, broth - ers, one by grace, in har - mo - ny,
2. Praise to God for con - gre - ga - tions, keep - ing faith with Christ as guide;
3. Ho - ly is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re - main;

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Join - ing heart to heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.
Man - y tongues of man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.
Bless the chur - ch's new en - deav - ors; make our wit - ness one a - gain.

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With the cross of Christ our stan - dard, let us sing as with one voice,
Sweet the psalm and sweet the car - ol, when our song is raised as one.
One in Christ and in Christ's gos - pel, make us one we now im - plore.

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Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the prom - ise: we who are the church re - joice.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the pow - er, as in heaven your will be done.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er - more.

There's a Song

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from Je - sus.

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There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from God.

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Al - le - lu - ia! Love in my heart is sing - ing prais - es.

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Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a gift from God.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found; Brought
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn; Let
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess; And
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease; Be

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here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
 us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
 let us love each - oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.

One God and Father of Us All

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of seven staves of music, each with a measure number (4, 6, 8, 11, 14, 16) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

All the gifts that God has giv - en by his grace to ev - ery-one were
4 meant to give us each a place to serve. _____ And if
6 we will come to - gether - er to see his will be done, we will
8 share in bless - ings more than we de - serve. There is one God and Fa - ther of us
11 all, a - bove all and through all and in all. In the
14 bond of ho - ly u - ni - ty with our spir - its joined as one, let us
16 live lives wor - thy of the call of the one God and Fa - ther of us all.

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. There are some things I may not
 2. Some folks may doubt, some folks may
 3. I can - not tell just how you

3 know, there are some plac - es I can't go, But I am
 scorn, all can de - sert and leave me a - lone, But as for
 felt when Je - sus took your sins a - way, But since that

6 sure of this one thing, that God is
 me I'll take God's part, for God is
 day, yes, since that hour, God has been

8 real for I can feel God deep with - in. Yes, God is real, real in my
 real and I can feel God in my heart.
 real for I can feel God's ho - ly power.

11 soul; yes, God is real for God has washed and made me

13 whole; God love for me is like pure gold, yes, God is

16 real for I can feel God in my soul.