Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trio on "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

by Fedak

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

People: We welcome all who wish to offer praise to the living God.

Leader: All who come to this community seeking fellowship and a worshipping community will receive not only welcome, but nurture.

People: Let us worship God with shouts of praise! Alleluia! Amen!

OPENING HYMN NO. 556 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ALL: God, what is it that you ask of us? We don't always know. In fact, we rarely know. Is it because what you ask of us is too hard, and we just don't want to listen? Or is it because it is too easy, and we can't believe it can be that easy? Forgive us, God, for not discerning your will for us. We struggle through our daily existence, trying to do what is right and good and pleasing in your sight. But we are constantly confounded by noise and information that clutters our mind – and interrupts our connection with you. Help us, God, to make time in our day to simply be quiet and listen for your presence. Forgive us for succumbing to the noise and the conflicting messages all around us. Forgive us for the ways that we have actively, and passively, contributed to the hurting of your children in this world. Hear us in our prayer and lead us to reconciliation with you and your kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 517 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4 with refrain, see p. 4)

I Need You Every Hour

ALL SING: I need you every hour, O God of grace; the peace your voice affords, I now embrace. I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour; teach me your will, and your rich promises in me fulfill. I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my savior; I come to you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Connie Wolfe) **MESSAGE**

Romans 6: 12-23

HYMN NO. 543 (black hymnal, vs. 1, 3, 5, & 6, see p. 5)

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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 Jordyn Myers)

Amazing Grace

by Newton

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

by Bradbury

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 284 (black hymnal, v. 1 & refrain, see p. 5)

Joys Are Flowing Like a River

ALL SING: Joys are flowing like a river, since the Comforter has come; Christ abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart a home. Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul. On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

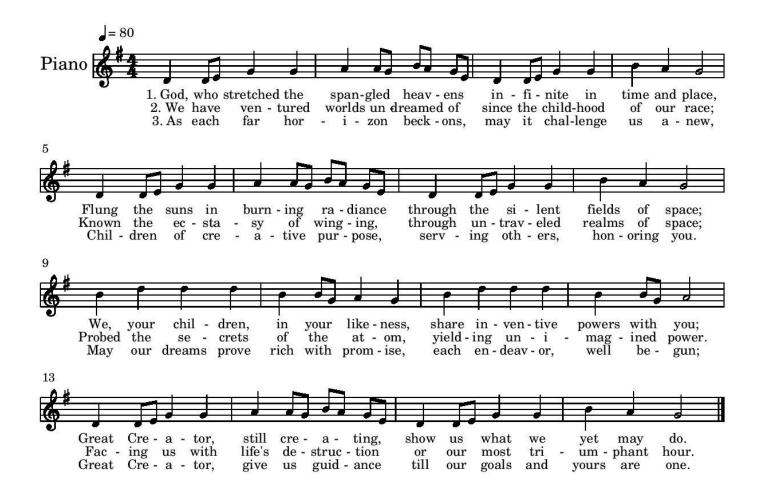
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Festive Trumpet

by Eliot

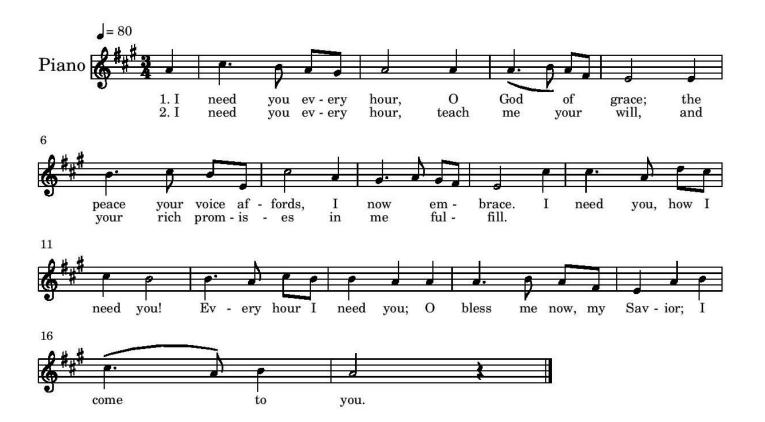
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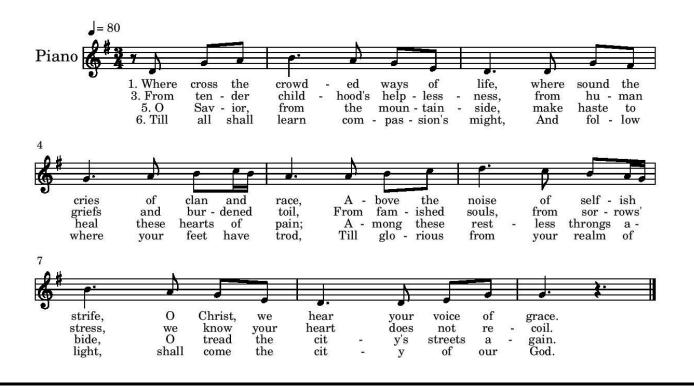
¹ "Proper 8, Ordinary Time 13, Pentecost 6." *Lectionary Worship Workbook*, by Beverly S. Bailey, CSS Pub., 2004, pp. 116–118.

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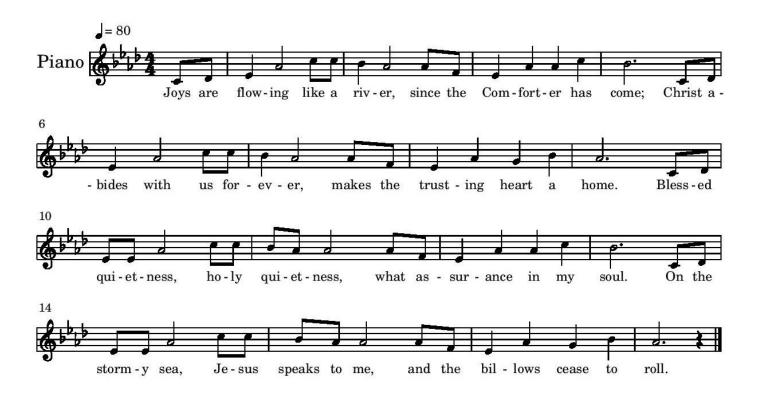
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