

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Starry Summer Sky

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: The Creator has planted seeds in all of us,

P: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

L: Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit,

P: May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.

L: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

P: May we be nurtured, may we be blessed and may we grow in this time of worship.

OPENING HYMN NO. 433 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

In the Bulb There is a Flower

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

ALL: Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. God, when we deprive others of that same opportunity, forgive us. When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field, forgive us. When we label others as good or bad, rather than accept them for who they are, forgive us. When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, forgive us. When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, forgive us. God, we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast, and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others, and in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2167 (FWS see p. 4)

More Like You

ALL SING: More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you. More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Mike Gibbs)
MESSAGE

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

HYMN NO. 2243 (FWS, see p. 4)

We All Are One in Mission

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 Mike Ferree)
OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken/ America the Beautiful

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gift of Finest Wheat

by Westendorf

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2242 (black hymnal, refrain, v. 4, see p. 5)

Walk with Me

ALL SING: Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through. And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 2237 (FWS, see p. 6)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Plow the Fields

by Prentiss

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¹ The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Mindi-Welton Mitchell and found at <http://rev-olution.org/2014/07/11/worship-resources-for-july-20th-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost/>, accessed on 7/13/2020.

² The prayer of confession was adapted from a prayer of confession written by Moira Laidlaw and was featured on the website <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/prayer-of-confession-matthew-1324-30.html>. It was accessed on 7/13/2020.

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In the Bulb There is a Flower

Piano ♩ = 80

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of four staves of music, each with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column starting at measure 1, the second at measure 5, and the third at measure 9. The lyrics are: 1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; but butterflies will soon be - dy; there's a dawn for every dark - ness, bringing hope to you and - ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re - me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re - ty. In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see. - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see. - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

5
tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
- dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and
- ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

9
free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
- ty. In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -

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- vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
- vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
- vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

More Like You

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

More like you, Je-sus, more like you. Fill my heart with your de-sire to

7

make me more like you. More like you, Je-sus, more like you. Touch my lips with

14

ho - ly fire and make me more like you.

We All Are One in Mission

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our
 2. We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name. Our
 3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard. Now

6

var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A
 min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same: To
 let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word. We

10

sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to plan and work to -
 touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace, so ev - ery folk and
 all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our var - ied gifts u -

15

geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Walk with Me

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: 'Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through. And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the wit - ness of your faith - ful - ness calls me to walk with you. Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.'

Walk with me, I will walk with you and

5
build the land that God has planned where love shines through. And

9
when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the

13
wit - ness of your faith - ful - ness calls me to walk with you.

17
Walk with me, I will walk with you and

21
build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six lines of music, each with three verses of lyrics underneath. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are as follows:

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a
 2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are
 3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a

4
 bright and warm - ing flame, so the church is meant for
 pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
 sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of

7
 mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Not to
 giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay. By our
 one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued. As a

10
 preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of
 gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would show that Christ is
 rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and

13
 care, we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing
 light. In a hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would
 gone, may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's

16
 neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 live to God's de - light.
 new and glo - rious dawn.