

# *Mt. Zion United Church of Christ*

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

**P: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.**

L: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

**P: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.**

L: God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

**P: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN NO. 572** (Methodist hymnal, see p. 4)

*Pass It On*

### **TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**ALL: Lord, we like to focus on the big things. We have focused on big events, big wins, big problems. In our focus on all the big things, we forget that from even the smallest thing something mighty can happen. Today the scriptures remind us of the smallness of the mustard seed and the tiny grain of yeast. Each of these things grew into something that offered shelter, peace, and hope, which became the treasures of compassion. Take away our need for all things big, and instead, open our hearts to receive your word of love and healing, and let our spirits be ready to grow for you. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your faithful presence. For all things will work for the good for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2167 (FWS see p. 5)

*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 Vanessa Bicher)  
**MESSAGE**

*Matthew 13: 31-33*

**HYMN NO. 431** (Methodist hymnal, see p. 5)

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Dani Kardisco)      *Simplicity*      by the Rend Collective

## OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2242 (black hymnal, refrain, v. 4, see p. 6)

*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

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

**L:** Together, in this time of communion, we remember God's ability to take something small and do wondrous things... As we share this meal, we proclaim that whether we are gathered or scattered...

**P:** Christ is with us. We are not alone. We are one body. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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.

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

L: This is the body of Christ, broken for you. Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**P: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

L: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**P: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, in the holy dispersion of virtual worship, we claim the risen Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, and celebrating the God's shepherding that carries us into the unknown, to listen and follow, to lead and be led, to feed and be fed.

**ALL: We give thanks, loving God, that you have joined us together at your table. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. Though we are physically separated, thank you for the gift of your table where there is unity. May we serve in the world as one church. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN NO. 2223 (FWS, see p. 7)

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Thank you to Mary Jane Snyder and Jack Herlocker for serving on the tech team this morning! Thank you to our vocal quartet for the leading the hymns and responses this morning! Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as our guest accompanist!

<sup>1</sup> The Call to Worship was written by Nancy Townley and found at

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8297/worship-connection-july-26-2020> and accessed on 7/20/2020.

<sup>2</sup> The prayer of confession was adapted from a prayer of confession written by Nancy Townley, found at

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5165/worship-connection-july-26-2020> and accessed on 7/20/20.

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# Pass It On

Piano 

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire  
2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are  
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

5 

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can  
bud - ding; the birds be - gin to sing, the  
I've found; you can de - pend on him, it

9 

warm up in its glow - ing. That's how it is with  
flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's how it is with  
mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the

13 

God's love once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it; you spread his love to  
God's love once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it; you want to sing, it's  
moun - tain - top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has

17 

ev - ery - one; you want to pass it on.  
fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
come to me, I want to pass it on.

# 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.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn 'More Like You'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 6. The second staff starts at measure 7 and ends at measure 13. The third staff starts at measure 14 and ends at measure 18. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

# Let There Be Peace on Earth

$\text{♩} = 80$   
Piano

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me; let there be peace on  
12  
earth the peace that was meant to be. With God our cre - a - tor chil - dren all are  
23  
we. Let us walk with each oth er in per - fect har - mo - ny Let  
34  
peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now. With ev - ery step I take let  
45  
this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal -  
55  
- ly. Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn 'Let There Be Peace on Earth'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of six staves of music. The first staff starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 11. The second staff starts at measure 12 and ends at measure 22. The third staff starts at measure 23 and ends at measure 33. The fourth staff starts at measure 34 and ends at measure 44. The fifth staff starts at measure 45 and ends at measure 54. The sixth staff starts at measure 55 and ends at measure 60. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

# Walk with Me

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

Walk with me, I will walk with you and

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

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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.

# They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

♩ = 80  
Piano

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things

5

Lord, we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we  
 hand, we will walk with each oth - er we will walk hand in hand, and to -  
 side, we will work with each oth - er we will work side by side, and we'll  
 come, and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son, and all

10

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored: and they'll  
 - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

14

know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are

19

Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_