

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Peaceful Forests

by Isaak

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: We exist because God made us.

People: We are here because Jesus calls us.

Leader: We are together because the Spirit binds us to each other.

People: Without God, where would we be? Who would we be?

Leader: Let us worship God,

People: who makes us a community of love.

OPENING HYMN NO. 576 (NCH, see p. 3)

For the Healing of the Nations

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2152 (FWS, see p. 4)

Change My Heart, O God

ALL SING: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Mike Gibbs)

Genesis 26: 12-25, 2 Corinthians 5: 17-19

MESSAGE

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.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Back to School Slideshow

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2160 (FWS, v. 2, see p. 6)

Into My Heart

ALL SING: Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart,
Lord Jesus; shine out today, shine out alway; shine out of my heart,
Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN NO. 249 (black hymnal, see p. 6) *Peace I Leave with You, My Friends*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Light of the Living God

by Paxton

Thank you to Jack Herlocker & Denny Daugherty for serving on the tech team at 8 AM and to Jack Herlocker, Mary Jane Snyder, & John Schriver for serving on the tech team at 10:30 AM this morning! Thank you to our vocalists, Denny Daugherty, Jordyn Myers, & Olivia Daugherty for leading the hymns and responses this morning! Thank you to Mike Gibbs for reading Scripture this morning!

¹ Merrill Neel, Beth "Call to Worship." *Hold Fast to What Is Good*, 29 Mar. 2019, holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/.

² Merrill Need, Beth "Prayer of Confession." *Hold Fast to What Is Good*, 21 Aug. 2020, holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/.

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For the Healing of the Nations

Piano $\text{♩} = 160$

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

4

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

8


earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice

11

help us rise and pledge our word. Help us rise and pledge our word.
 fear will die and hope in - crease. Fear will die and hope in - crease.
 may we hal - low life's brief span. May we hal - low life's brief span.
 earth its des - ti - ny may find. Earth its des - ti - ney may find.

Change My Heart O God

$\text{♩} = 80$
Piano 
Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev - er true. _____


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Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____

9

You are the Po - ter, I am the clay. _____

13

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

17

Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev - er true. _____

21

Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____

Lead Us From Death to Life

♩ = 80

Refrain



Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de - spair to



hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to



peace; let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni -



- verse. 1. Still all the an - gry cris, still all the an - gry guns, still now your
2. So man - y lone - ly hearts, so man - y brok - en lives, long - ing for
3. Let jus - tice ev - er roll, let mer - cy fill the earth, let us be -



peo - ple die, earth's sons and daugh - ters. Let jus - tice roll, let
love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,
- gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,



mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas - sion.
come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas - sion.
we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas - sion.

to Refrain

Into My Heart

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Je - sus; shine

5
out to - day, shine out al - way; shine out of my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$ *Refrain*

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you

8
do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can

15
give to oth - ers, too.

1. To share God's love is why I
2. Take my hand and be at
3. With this love now all will

22
came, to show God's kind - ness with out end. Go now, my friends, and
peace; the spir - it of our love I send. And with this love you
know that lone - li - ness is at an end. Re-joyce, my friends, al -

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To Refrain

do the same, un - til I come a - gain.
will be free, un - til I come a - gain.
- though I go, for I will come a - gain.