

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

by Lutkin

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: This is God's day, and we are invited to be a part of it.

People: This is God's invitation – to come and see what God is doing in the world.

Leader: This is what God is doing – bringing good news to the poor,

People: And proclaiming release to the captives,

Leader: Recovering sight for those who are blind,

People: And letting the oppressed go free.

Leader: Let us join together in community,

People: and let us worship God this day.

OPENING HYMN NO. 451 (NCH, see p. 3)

Be Now My Vision

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives – the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places and that we would be able to see the world with new and gracious eyes. Help us to move into those places where love is needed, and as we do so help us to have faith that you are with us. We pray this in the name of Jesus. 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 Connie Wolfe)
MESSAGE

Genesis 28: 10-19 & Romans 12: 9-18

QUARTET ANTHEM

With Every Breath I Take

by Herman/McDonald

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.

HYMN NO. 538 (black hymnal, vs. 1-3, see p. 5)

Standing at the Future's Threshold

FAREWELL LITURGY FOR PASTOR JEFF

L: And now, members and friends of Mt. Zion, will you release Pastor Jeff from the duties of Associate Pastor and will you offer encouragement for his ministry as Pastor at Christ Congregational Church in Brockton, Massachusetts?

P: We do, with the help of God.

HYMN NO. 538 (black hymnal, vs. 4-5, see p. 5)

Standing at the Future's Threshold

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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. 82 (black hymnal, see p. 6)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

by Birchwood

Thank you to John Kollasch & Denny Daugherty for serving on the tech team at 8 AM and to Denny Daugherty, Ron Miles, & Hunter King for serving on the tech team at 10:30 AM this morning! Thank you to our vocalists, Mike Gibbs & Brenda Beyer for leading the hymns and responses this morning! Thank you to Connie Wolfe 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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Be Now My Vision

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
 2. Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
 3. Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 4. Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

5

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part.
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

9

You my best thought, by day or by night,
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
 You and you on - ly, are first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

13

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Change My Heart O God

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 80. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: 'Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev - er true. _____'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____'. The third staff features a triplet of eighth notes and lyrics: 'You are the Po - ter, I am the clay. _____'. The fourth staff also features a triplet of eighth notes and lyrics: 'Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.'. The fifth staff repeats the first line of the melody with lyrics: 'Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev - er true. _____'. The sixth staff repeats the second line of the melody with lyrics: 'Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

5
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. _____

Standing at the Future's Threshold

♩ = 130



1. Stand - ing at the fu - ture's thresh - old, grate - ful for God's
 2. Midst the teem - ing cit - ies' mil - lions, wit - ness to God's
 3. O - pen - heart - ed in ex - chang - es with the faith - ful
 4. Build - ing jus - tice as the bul - wark of the peace that
 5. Je - sus Christ, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



guid - ing hand, Ask - ing no pro - tect - ed strong - hold, called to be a
 boun - less love, Reach - ing for each sys - tem's lost ones, seek - ing jus - tice
 not our own, Trust - ing God's way with these strang - ers not to leave the
 God would give, Mak - ing sac - ri - fice the hall - mark of the life we're
 truth and grace, We would ask no spe - cial fa - vor, with the low - liest



pil - grim band, Seek - ing ev - er for new vi - sion
 with each move; Grant us cour - age, strength, and pa - tience
 truth un - known, Join - ing them in shared en - deav - or
 called to live: Grant us, God, to bear our wit - ness
 seek our place, Know the in - as - much of serv - ing,



of the gos - pel with for our day, We move for - ward
 to con - tend with vi - cious power, Lead us for - ward
 where we have Christ's clear com - mand, We have faith that
 to this peace in Christ, and move for - ward with our
 have your cross as our com - mand: Lead us in this



in God's mis - sion with our faith to show the way.
 in the faith that gives us hope in test - ing's hour.
 calls us ev - er toward this good earth's prom - ised land.
 faith's own ac - cess to the life of hope and love.
 faith un - swerv - ing for - ward as your pil - grim band.

Into My Heart

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



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.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano




1. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone;
2. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;

5




Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

9



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

13



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.